



**U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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TO: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Chairman, Thomas Hicks
U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Executive Director, Brianna Schletz
Virginia Department of Elections, Commissioner, Steven Koski

FROM: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Inspector General, Sarah Dreyer

SUBJECT: Cancellation: Impact Evaluation of the HAVA Grants Awarded to the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is an independent division of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), operating under the authorities granted by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. In September 2023, OIG initiated an evaluation of HAVA funds awarded to the Commonwealth of Virginia to assess how the Commonwealth identifies needs and distributes Section 251 and Election Security funds, and the impact of those funds.

OIG began work on this project in September 2023 but paused in March 2024 to allow the Commonwealth and its local jurisdictions to focus on preparations for the November 2024 general election. Although OIG anticipated resuming work in December 2024, the project was not restarted due to competing priorities.

Since that time, OIG has reassessed its oversight priorities and the timing of this work. Given the passage of time, changes in staffing, and the age of the work performed to date, OIG has determined that completing this evaluation would not represent the most effective use of its current resources. Accordingly, OIG is canceling this evaluation.

OIG remains committed to promoting the effective and proper use of EAC funds. While this evaluation will not be completed, the related risks will be addressed through OIG's ongoing and planned oversight work. To that end, OIG is planning future, multi-state audit work focused on the use of grant funds by local jurisdictions, which is anticipated to begin next year. We appreciate the cooperation provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia to date and look forward to future engagement. We also encourage the EAC to continue working with grantees to ensure HAVA funds are used effectively.