

PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY VOTING ACCESS ANNUAL REPORT

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VIRGINIA

STATE/TERRITORY: _____

VIRGINIA OFFICE FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

NAME OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY: _____

84,986

FISCAL YEAR: 2012 (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012) FISCAL YEAR 2012 AWARD AMOUNT: \$ _____

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Area 1

- ❖ To ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities
 - Activities may include, but not limited to registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.

Goal/Activity for FY2012:

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 1	Description of activities in Area 1 that displayed innovation which can be shared as "Best Practices" with other State P&A's
See Attached.	Nine (9)	See Attached.	See Attached.	\$2,490	None.

Area 2

- ❖ To provide education, training and assistance to individuals with disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to education regarding voter registration, providing individuals with disabilities regarding their legal rights that pertain to voting, and providing assistance to individuals with disabilities in accessing the polls on Election Day.

Goal/Activity for FY2012:

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 2	Description of activities in Area 2 that displayed innovation which can be shared as "Best Practices" with other State P&A's
See Attached.	2316	See Attached.	None.	\$46,742	See Attached.

Area 3

- ❖ Participate in advocacy and education efforts revolving around HAVA implementation efforts in their State or Territory.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to participation on HAVA State Planning Committee, subcommittee or coalition efforts regarding the State Plan, and review, advocacy, and education concerning the enactment of HAVA State Legislation.

Goal/Activity for FY2012:

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 3	Description of activities in Area 3 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Area 4

- ❖ Training and education of election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers regarding the rights of the voters with disabilities and best practices in working with individuals with disabilities.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to providing training and participating in the development of training education programs for election officials and poll workers.

Goal/Activity for FY2012:

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 4	Description of activities in Area 4 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
See Attached.	59	See Attached.	N/A	\$850	N/A

Area 5

- ❖ To assist individuals with disabilities in filing complaints under the State-based administrative grievance procedure required by HAA and represent individuals with disabilities in any hearing that may be held regarding the complaint.

Goal/Activity for FY2012:

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 5	Description of activities in Area 5 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Area 6

- ❖ To provide assistance to States and other governmental entities regarding the physical accessibility of polling places.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to surveying polling places, identifying potential modifications to make specific polling places accessible, and developing criteria for identifying accessible polling places.

Goal/Activity for FY2012:

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 6	Description of activities in Area 6 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
See Attached.	59	See Attached.	N/A	\$850	N/A

Area 7

- ❖ To obtain training and technical assistance on voting issues, including education regarding accessible voting equipment and systems. Once educated, the information may be used to inform others of the availability of accessible voting equipment and its use.

Goal/Activity for FY2012:

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 7	Description of activities in Area 7 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Citizen feedback regarding the improvements and/or changes to ensure full participation in the electoral process.

During FY2012, VOPA provided information to 994 individuals who contacted the office with questions about voting. VOPA developed and implemented strategies for gathering public comment on the FY2013 objectives, as well as the work of VOPA in general. We posted a web-based survey on VOPA’s public website and invited public comment via several advocacy groups’ list-serves. The VOPA advisory councils also participated in focus group activities with VOPA staff and provided input on the proposed objectives, including those related to HAVA.

Funding carried over from previous fiscal years –

FY 2008 - \$ 0

FY 2009 - \$ 0

FY 2010 - \$ 0

FY 2011 - \$ 58,347

Explanation of spending trend (use of funds and/or lack of funds used *particularly any FY2007 funds sent back to treasury as of September 30, 2012*)

In addition to funding VOPA’s voting rights advocacy, HAVA funds are also used to cover HAVA-related administrative costs such as equipment, printing, and staff time necessary for office operations.