



Lexington County Voter Registration and Elections Recognized for Excellence in Election Administration with National Clearinghouse Award

*One of 53 Programs Honored by the U.S. Election Assistance
Commission for Innovation, Sustainability, and Replicability*

April 22, 2025, Today, Director, Lenice Shoemaker announced they were recognized for excellence in Election Administration with a national [Clearinghouse Award](#) for: **Contingency Planning: Exemplary Contingency Planning and Emergency Response Efforts**. Also known as the "Clearies," the [U.S. Election Assistance Commission](#) (EAC) presents the awards program annually to celebrate the hard work of election offices across the country. Now in its ninth year, this year's Clearie Awards honored programs that took place during the 2024 presidential election year.

The Lexington County Voter Registration and Elections '**2024 Election Training**' were one of 53 programs that were recognized with a Clearie Award. The program consisted of the creation of the "Emergency Flip Book", "De-Escalation Training", "ADA Deployment" and "Hands on Training", offering guidelines for Poll Workers. These guides were developed for strategies and planning for Emergency and Contingency preparation for the 2024 Election and will be applied for all Elections moving forward.

"The success of this program was due to 'Round Table' meetings that were conducted with the Election Board, Office Staff and Poll Workers. Listening to 'the Ones Who Do the Jobs' makes a huge difference in successful programs. The implementation of our '**2024 Election Training**' focused on Emergency & Other Contingency Planning that could easily be implemented at the Precinct Level. The Emergency Flip Book allowed Clerks to evaluate the safety of their Precinct. The De-Escalation training and ADA Deployment met the community on a personal level and implementing more 'Hands on Training' allowed for real scenarios to be addressed. The success found throughout the Election, validates our efforts.

The foundation of this achievements stems from the devoted Staff and the years of dedication that can only be found in those who work the Election Process. To be *recognized on a National Level*, honors and inspires those of us who continue to be steadfast, building, equipping and securing Elections in Lexington County.

The Clearies play an essential role in fulfilling the EAC's mission to serve as a clearinghouse for Election Administration information under the [Help America Vote Act](#). The EAC is an independent, bipartisan federal agency solely focused on Election Administration. Submissions were judged on innovation, sustainability, outreach, cost-effectiveness, replicability, and the generation of positive results.

EAC Chairman Donald Palmer, Vice Chair Thomas Hicks, and Commissioners Christy McCormick and Ben Hovland praised the **2024 Clearie winners** in a joint statement:

"This year's Clearinghouse Award-winning programs truly shined amid the high voter turnout in 2024. They are examples of the outstanding work Election Officials did to support tens of millions of voters during the Presidential Election. After nearly a decade, the Clearinghouse Awards continue to grow with a record number of entries received this year. These programs show how state and local election offices are the incubators of innovation. We are pleased to lift their ideas up and celebrate them on a national stage."

This year's awards categories include:

- **Communications:** Distinguished Voter Education and Communications Initiatives – Small/Medium Jurisdictions, Large Jurisdictions, State Level
- **Security:** Innovation and New Tools in Election Security and Technology
- **Contingency Planning:** Exemplary Contingency Planning and Emergency Response Efforts – Small/Medium Jurisdictions and Large Jurisdictions
- **Election Administration:** Innovations or New Practices in Election Administration – Small/Medium Jurisdictions, Large Jurisdictions, State Level
- **Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grants:** Outstanding Use of HAVA Grants in Election Modernization
- **Accessibility:** Best Practices for Improving Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities
- **Poll Workers:** Best Practices in Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Poll Workers – Small/Medium Jurisdictions and Large Jurisdictions
- **"I Voted" Stickers:** Creative and Original "I Voted" Stickers – Small/Medium Jurisdictions and Large Jurisdictions

More information on the Clearies and each awardee is available on eac.gov.
