

The Center for Technology and Civic Life Public/Private Partnership Grant Awards Administrative History, Chronology, and Issues

Revision 1



"Complex Problems Solved Well"

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October 31, 2019	Legislation - Pennsylvania - Act 77 2019	Pennsylvania Act 77 is a collection of omnibus amendments to the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L. 1333, No. 320, Pennsylvania Election Code). Act 77 requires that if the Commonwealth wishes to decertify voting apparatuses in 50% or more counties, the Department of State must submit a written plan to the General Assembly at least 180 days prior to the effective date of replacement. Act 77 also provides a \$90 million bond and cost share to counties for upgrading voting apparatuses to ensure a verifiable paper trail, and a fixed compensation range between \$75 and \$200 for District Election Officers.	The verifiable paper trail and fixed compensation provisions in 2019 Act 77 may be compromised by the disparate and indiscriminate injection of private funding into Pennsylvania counties and local precincts.	<u>Pennsylvania Election Reform Act 77 ACLU Summary</u> <u>Pennsylvania Election Reform Act of October 31, 2019, P.L. 552, No. 77</u> <u>Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 25 Elections (2020 Edition)</u>
November 27, 2019	Legislation - Pennsylvania - Act 94 2019	Pennsylvania Act 94 is a collection of omnibus amendments to the Act of June 3, 1937 (P.L. 1333, No. 320, Pennsylvania Election Code) in addition to those found in Act 77. Two articles in Act 94 are amendments to Act 77.	Amendments in Act 94 are codified in Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Elections Consolidated Statutes (2020 Edition).	<u>Pennsylvania Election Code - Omnibus Amendments, Act of Nov. 27, 2019, P.L. 673, No. 94 Cl. 25</u> <u>Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 25 Elections (2020 Edition)</u>
March 16, 2020	Common Council Action - Granting Authority to Relocate Polling Places - Wisconsin - Kenosha	Resolution 48-20, introduced by Mayor Antaramian of Kenosha, grants authority to Kenosha City Clerk to relocate polling places due to COVID-19.		<u>City of Kenosha Resolution 48-20</u> <u>Kenosha Resolutions 48-20 031620</u>
March 27, 2020	Legislation - Pennsylvania - 2020 Act 12	Pennsylvania Act 12 is a collection of omnibus amendments to the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L. 1333, No. 320, Pennsylvania Election Code). Many of the amendment provisions are found in Pennsylvania Act 77 2019.		<u>Pennsylvania Election Code - Omnibus Amendments, Act of Mar. 27, 2020, P.L. 41, No. 12 Cl. 25</u> <u>Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 25 Elections (2020 Edition)</u>
March 27, 2020	Litigation - Wisconsin - Green Bay	Using COVID-19 as justification, Green Bay County Clerk Teske files a lawsuit against the Wisconsin Election Commission, the Wisconsin Governor, and Wisconsin Health Department requesting cancellation of April 7 election, procedural modifications, and transition to mail in balloting. Lawsuit dismissed by Federal District Judge William Greisbach for lack of federal Jurisdiction.	Judge Greisbach noted: "the City and its mayor are not the proper parties to bring such a claim in federal court."	<u>City of Green Bay, Kris Teske and Eric Genrich v. Marge Bostelmann, et al., Case No. 20-C-479</u>

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April 2020	Executive Order 74 Postponing of Elections - Wisconsin - State	Using COVID 19 as justification, Wisconsin Governor Evers issues EO 74 suspending in person voting	Citing health statistics, a court order delaying absentee ballots, and the spread of COVID from voting, Governor Evers suspends in person voting until June 9	Wisconsin Executive Order 74 Relating to suspending in-person voting on April 7, 2020, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
April 7, 2020	Polling Place Closures - Wisconsin - Green Bay	Using a reduction of poll workers and COVID 19 as justification, Mayor Erin Genrich declines assistance from Wisconsin National Guard, and closes 29 of the 31 primary electoral polling stations in Green Bay.	Four-hour lines were recorded at the two open polling stations located at Green Bay East and Green Bay West High Schools. Questions about the scope of Mayor Genrich's Executive authority to close polls exist.	https://fox11online.com/news/election/er-in-bay-among-areas-declining-national-guard-help-despite-poll-worker-shortage
April 16, 2020	Voter Disenfranchisement from Executive Actions - Wisconsin - Madison	Resolution 60266 and the public record demonstrate hundreds of instances of voters having difficulty with online voting systems, problems with uploading of voter identification, and systemic absentee ballot problems. 4,828 individuals used curbside and in-office early in-person absentee voting. Of the 87,890 absentee ballots issued by the Madison clerk's office, 69,437 were returned.	Madison Voters were affected by State and local Executive actions brought about by closure of 26 polling stations.	Madison City Council Resolution 60266 https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4422477&GUID=29F59925-6836-465E-A643-469016714C39
May 28, 2020	CTCL Grant Transmittal Letter to Mayor Mason - Wisconsin - Racine	Transmittal of a \$100,000 grant to Racine for "election planning and administration," and redistribution of \$10,000 each to the cities of Green Bay, Kenosha, Madison, and Milwaukee. Grant was conditioned upon development of June 15, 2020 Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan which occurred two weeks later.	Grant was issued to Racine Mayor prior to CTCL receiving an application or the CTCL stipulated plan. Transmittal letter explicitly conditions <i>(\$100k)</i> the transfer \$10,000 from Racine to four other Wisconsin municipalities for election administration.	CTCL Grant Transmittal to Racine Mayor 052820
May 5, 2020	Common Council Action Approving Mailing of Absentee Ballots to All Registered Racine voters Wisconsin - Racine	Consent agenda communication by Mayor Mason to the Racine Common Council requesting the council to direct the Clerk to mail absentee ballot applications with postage-paid envelopes to all registered Racine voters in time for the August 11, 2020 election.	Postage paid return envelopes were mailed to all registered voters with an absentee ballot.	Racine CTCL Grant Acceptance and Ballot Actions File 02-02-20
May 21, 2020	Common Council Action - Changing Polling Places for August and November Elections Wisconsin - Kenosha	Using COVID-19 and Governors' Executive Order 74 as justification, Resolution 82-20 makes polling place changes to 54 wards throughout Kenosha for the August 11 primary and November 3 general elections.	Resolution 82-20 was introduced and signed by Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian.	City of Kenosha Resolution 82-20 to Relocate Polling Places

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June 02, 2020	Common Council Action - Approving Application for CTLC Grant and Redistribution to other Cities Wisconsin - Racine	Racine Common Council action applying for and accepting a \$100,000 CTLC grant. Fiscal note explicitly notes redistribution to Green Bay, Kenosha, Madison, and Milwaukee for "coordinated election planning."	"Fiscal Note: \$60,000.00 of these grant funds will be retained by the City of Racine and \$10,000.00 will be distributed to each of the cities of Green Bay, Kenosha, Madison, and Milwaukee for this coordinated planning."	<u>Racine City Council Resolution 0318-20</u>
June 15, 2020	Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan: Appointment of "Voter Navigators" Wisconsin - Racine, Madison, Milwaukee, Kenosha, Green Bay	The Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan 2020 (WSVP) was submitted to CTLC by five Wisconsin cities as part of the private grant-funding process. The public record indicates that in some cases the WSVP was submitted to CTLC after the grants were made. WSVP presents a detailed, specific election funding plan on per-city basis, and adds positions that conflict and confuse the duties of elected officials already responsible to oversee and certify electoral processes.	The WSVP details collaboration by public officials to solicit private funding for public electoral processes. The public record points to Racine Mayor as being the coordinator of the grants and WSVP process. Page 9 of the WSVP documents an extralegal appointment of bilingual "Voter Navigators" to assist as "election inspectors," for completion of ballots, and in witnessing of voter signature process.	<u>Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan</u>
July 14, 2020	Common Council Action - Authorizing Acceptance of CTLC Funding from Racine, and Delegating Authority to Accept Private Funding for Electoral Administration Wisconsin - Madison	Madison Common Council Action authorizing the Clerk to accept a \$10,000 CTLC grant from Racine for election administration and granting broad authority to Mayor Conway to execute future CTLC grant agreements absent council oversight. Resolution 61255 authorizes the Madison City Clerk to apply for and accept a private \$1,271,788 CTLC grant, and amends the Clerk's 2020 budget by \$1,271,788 to reflect a salary increase of \$683,788.	Resolution 61255 explicitly coalesces private and public funding in the City Clerks 2020 budget for election administration, including salaries. Resolution 60266 (04/16/2020) accepting the \$10,000 CTLC grant predates the June 15, 2020 Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan.	<u>City of Madison Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2020 (Legislative File 61124, Page 7)</u>
July 21, 2020	Common Council Action Approving Acceptance of CTLC Funding Wisconsin - Milwaukee	Common Council action approving recommendations by the City Finance and Personnel Committee to place a redistricting referendum procedure request on November 3, 2020 ballot.		<u>Racine City Council Resolution 0453-20 Redistricting Ballot Initiative</u>
July 21, 2020	Common Council Action - Approving acceptance of \$1,093,400 CTLC grant Wisconsin - Green Bay	Green Bay Elections Committee Funding Transcript, and Election Tracking Forms documenting intent to use CTLC funds for the following purposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections outreach and education; • Poll worker database & scheduling equipment from US Digital Response; • Dropbox "team" with undisclosed dropbox locations; • \$50,000 for cameras, boxes, and installations; 	The Voter Navigator duties are vague and appear not sanctioned by the WEC or state elections law. The Voter Navigator Position and CTLC funding was questioned by others in the meeting. Following an email directive from the WEC citing 1 dropbox per 15,000 to 20,000 population, the 15 dropbox proposal appears	<u>Green Bay Common Council Agenda Packet Item for CTLC Grant</u> <u>Green Bay Common Council Minutes Approving CTLC Grant (Item R, Pages 12 and Pages 148-152)</u>

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July 21, 2020	Common Council Action - Approving acceptance of \$1,093,400 CTLC grant Wisconsin - Green Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$150,000 RFP for outside services to focus on unregistered voter contact. Poll worker funding increases that raise the state appropriations amount from \$140 to \$350 per worker \$45,000 for the addition of "Voter Navigators" with no position description or outline. 	to have been reduced to only 5 to 6, based upon their population. The dropbox correction by WEC appears to demonstrate how the Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan has neglected WEC standards and protocol.	<u>Green Bay Elections Committee Cares Act Funds 072120</u>
July 24, 2020	Common Council Action - Approving \$942,100 in CTCL grants and Authorizing Mayor Mason to Receive Funding Wisconsin - Racine	Racine Common Council action authorizing Mayor Mason and City Clerk to accept \$942,100 CTCL grant for administration of Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan.	Common Council action was sponsored by Mayor Mason who appears to be the central coordinator of CTCL grants, authorship of the Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan, and funding dissemination to other Wisconsin cities. Council action precedes release of the Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan.	<u>Racine Consent Agenda File Number 491-20</u>
July 28, 2020	Common Council Action - Accepting a CTCL grant of a \$2,154,500 for Election Administration Wisconsin - Milwaukee	Milwaukee Common Council Resolution 200448 accepting a private, \$2,154,500 CTCL grant under the city's Special Revenue Fund. CTCL grant is to be administered consistent with the Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan 2020 and Milwaukee Code of Ordinances Section 304-81.	Resolution 200448 recognizes the CTLC grant as revenue to be administered for electoral purposes, raising material questions of how private funding, when coalesced with state appropriations, may affect electoral processes.	<u>Milwaukee City Council Acceptance of CTLC Grant</u>
August 19, 2020	Delaware County Council Action - Acceptance of a \$2,172,858 CTCL grant for Election Administration Pennsylvania - Delaware County	<p>A CTLC grant of \$2,172,858.00, ratified by Delaware County Council on August 19, must still be approved by the Pennsylvania Board of Elections and Solicitor.</p> <p>Private CTLC funds if approved, will be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install walk-in satellite voting centers with mobile "pop up" voting centers Provide poll worker hazard pay Place and monitor 50 drop boxes for vote-by-mail ballots Purchase equipment Hire staff to process mail in ballot applications and ballots 	The CTLC and city plan is a significant example of how elite private funding sources	<u>https://delcopa.gov/publicrelations/release/s/2020/safeelectionsgrant.html</u> <u>Delaware City Council Minutes CTCL Grant Approval (Minutes page 2)</u>

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August 21, 2020	<p>CTLIC Grant Agreement Transmittal to Philadelphia Grants Officer Del Bianco - \$10,016,074 Pennsylvania - Philadelphia</p>	<p>Grant allocations are to be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail-in and Absentee and Processing Equipment: \$5,500,554; • Satellite Election Offices for in-person and mail-in voting: \$2,272,220; • In-person Voting at Polling Places on Election Day: \$1,321,300; • Secure Drop boxes and related needs: \$552,000; • Printing and Postage: \$370,000. 	<p>may impose non-statutory requirements upon public officials. Neither the CTLIC Agreement or city plan discuss approvals from the Pennsylvania Board of Elections office or solicitor that may be required under 2019 Pennsylvania Act 77.</p>	<p><u>Philadelphia Grant Agreement CTLIC Signed August 21, 2020</u></p>
August 30, 2020	<p>Jay Stone FEC Complaint Wisconsin - Pleasant Prairie</p>	<p>Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin voter Jay Stone files a 39 page, 247 exhibit sworn complaint against CTLIC with the Federal Elections Commission. Complaint alleges Executive Director Tiana Epps-Johnson, CTCL Government Services Director Whitney May, Center for Election Innovation and Research Executive Director David Becker, Mark Zuckerberg, and Priscilla Chan have no medical authority or legal right to participate in elections or electoral process.</p>		<p><u>Jay Stone FEC Complaint 083020</u></p>
September 1, 2020	<p>Common Council Action - Authorizing Mayor to Accept \$657,000 for Ballot Collection and Coordination Wisconsin - Racine</p>	<p>Racine Common Council action authorizing Mayor Mason and City Clerk to accept \$657,000 in private CTCL funding for "absentee ballot coordination, collection and processing associated with the November 3 Presidential Election."</p>	<p>Council action sponsored by Racine Mayor Mason.</p>	<p><u>Racine City Council Actions File No. 0571-20 090120</u></p>
September 2, 2020	<p>Detroit City Council Action - CTLIC Grant Approval and Collaboration of State Secretary in Elections Michigan \$3,512,000</p>	<p>The CTLIC grant and associated Detroit City Safe Voting Plan were approved during a recess session of the Formal City of Detroit Agenda. According to Detroit personnel, the grant was approved during recess, no notes were taken and the CRLC grant and Plan have been filed. Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey and Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announce a collaboration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To recruit and train additional staff and election workers • Open 14 new satellite clerk offices, for a total of 21 where voters can register and return absentee ballots; • Provide additional "support" for absentee ballot tabulation; • Install 30 drop boxes; 	<p>As of December Secretary Benson was aware of surplus CARES act funding</p>	<p><u>Email Correspondance Detroit City Louise Jones to Belinda Groner 092820</u> <u>https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-47796-538528--00.html</u> <u>Press Release Detroit Clerk Winfrey and Secretary Benson Elections Collaboration 090220.pdf</u></p>
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September 4, 2020	Press Release - City Clerk CTLC Award Michigan - Lansing \$443,742	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit and train 6,000 election workers for 182 polling locations and 134 absentee counting boards; Hire additional staff to support the City clerk's office; Revise ballot counting and sorting protocols to make more effective use of high-speed scanners. <p>Press release from Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope announcing award of a \$443,742 CTLC grant for administration during the November 3rd Election.</p> <p>The private CTLC funding will specifically be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mailing of absentee ballot applications to every remaining Lansing City voter (over 60,000) who have not requested a ballot; Purchase and installation of 12 drop-boxes at six fire stations, four community centers, a CATA CTC station, and the Lansing City Cemetery; Hazard bonus pay of \$100 for 500 election, precinct and absentee ballot counters and \$50 for shorter shifts. Expanded in-person early voting opportunities. Additional staff and extended poll hours at the South Washington Election Unit at 2500 S. Washington Ave beginning in October A third satellite location at the Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center from October 19 - October 30. Expanding voter education and outreach efforts 	<p>The Press Release was removed from the Lansing Website on September 25, 2020.</p>	<p>Michigan Secretary Benson HAVA 251 Funds Report, December 2019.pdf</p> <p>City of Lansing Press Release CTLC Grant Announcement 09/04/20</p>
September 8, 2020	Council Action - Scanning System Equipment - Michigan - East Lansing	<p>Council Action (Item 3.13) approving an Agenda Item Report to use \$35,350 in CTLC funding for the purchase of an Image Cast high-speed scanning system from Dominion Voting for counting of absentee ballots and authorizing the City Manager to sign for future CTCL grant funding.</p>		<p>East Lansing MI Council Minutes Scanner Purchase 09/08/20.pdf City of East Lansing Minutes</p>

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September 10, 2020	<p>Council Action and Approval - CTLC Grant Transmittal Letter to Inez Brown \$475,625 Michigan-Flint</p>	<p>Flint Resolution 200391 accepting a private, \$475,625 CTCL grant and initiating a revenue and expense account under the city's 296 fund. CTCL grant is to be administered consistent with the Flint Safe Voting Plan 2020 and authorizing the "appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to accept the Center for Tech and Civic Life grant award for the City of Flint Safe Voting Plan 2020."</p>	<p>CTLC grant letter contains language that the city shall not reduce the budget of the City Clerk or fail to appropriate or provide previously budgeted funds to the clerk for the term of this grant.</p>	<p><u>CTLC Grant Transmittal to Flint City Clerk 091020</u> <u>City of Flint MI Resolution 200391 Accept CTLC Funding 091420.pdf</u></p>
September 14, 2020	<p>CTLC Supplementary Grant Transmittal Letter; Draft CTLC Approval Letter - \$522,200 Wisconsin - Green Bay</p>	<p>Personal email correspondence from CTCL Executive Director Tiana Epps-Johnson to Kris Teske, City of Green Bay Clerk, approving a \$522,200 private funding package for COVID 19 related expenditures, cleaning and to hire election personnel. Draft CTLC approval letter with budget breakdown.</p>	<p>Grant approval precedes receipt of agreement. CTLC breakout budget includes carts, lift trucks, computers, ballot processing equipment, and a labor budget, potentially conflicting with State purchasing and appropriations policies for election related capital equipment.</p>	<p><u>CTCL Grant Approval Epps-Johnson Email With Green Bay Clerk Teske 091420</u> <u>Green Bay CTLC Application Supplement 091420</u></p>
September 16, 2020	<p>CTLC Grant Agreement Transmittal - Michigan - Muskegon \$433,580</p>	<p>The executed CTLC agreement with Muskegon contains specific stipulations that hold the City to its plan, including drive through voting, election department real estate costs, satellite election department costs, overtime and hazard pay, and other costs.</p>	<p>Stipulations accompanying private funds into public elections set up policy conflicts, create a dangerous precedent for future, and disenfranchise local populations who themselves may be unable to contribute goods or funds to electoral processes.</p>	<p><u>CTLC Grant Transmittal to Muskegon Clerk Meisch Signed 091620.pdf</u></p>
September 21, 2020	<p>City Council Action - Approving Expansion of Voter Registration Plan Using CTLC Grant \$56,626 Michigan-Kalamazoo</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Resolution H.3. approves a \$56,626 CTCL grant to implement a 2019 plan backgrounded by the advocacy groups Voters Not Politicians, Kalamazoo NAACP, and the League of Women Voters. Funding will cover the costs of additional office hours, the branch office location at WMU, and the ballot drop boxes.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Resolution H.3 ties a 2019 plan from advocacy groups to expand voter registration on a college campus with CTCL funding.</p>	<p><u>Kalamazoo MI Commission Resolution CTLC Grant Approval 092120.pdf</u></p>
September 22, 2020	<p>City Council Action - Authorizing Approval of CTLC Funding for Electoral Administration \$405,564 Michigan-Pontiac</p>	<p>City Council Resolution 20-428 to approve a \$405,564.00 grant agreement between the City and CTCL.</p>		<p><u>City of Pontiac MI Resolution 20428 Accept CTLC Funding 092220.pdf</u></p>

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September 22, 2020	County Elections Council Action - Pennsylvania - Centre County	The Centre County Elections Board voted unanimously to approve a CTLC application for COVID 19 response grant funding. Grant is proposed to be used to fund Election Systems equipment software. Formal approval from commissioners in October.	Commissioner Dershem requested Solicitor Betsy Dupuis to review the CTLC grant application and agreement. Procedurally, it appears that the funding has not been formally requested and that Solicitor Dupuis could determine additional approvals are required from Pennsylvania election officials.	<u>Centre County PA Board of Elections Minutes CTLC Grant Approval 090820.pdf</u>
September 24, 2020	City Council Action - Authorizing Approval of CTLC Funding for Electoral Administration \$405,564 Michigan-Saginaw	The Saginaw City Council Resolution, as recommended by City Manager Timothy Morales in Council Communication CC-28, accepts \$405,564 in CTCL grant funding and incorporates an offset amount of \$402,878.00 into the City General Revenue and Expense Account No. 101-0000-674,000. CTCL grant is to be administered consistent with the Saginaw Safe Voting Plan 2020	Through its official action, the Saginaw City Council has coalesced private CTLC funding into a public, general revenue-and-expense account to be used for elections purposes. The public record is silent as to whether a consistency assessment with Michigan elections law or state appropriations policy was performed by the Saginaw City Council prior to incorporation of private funding into public revenue accounts.	<u>Saginaw MI Council Resolution CC-28 CTCL Grant Approval 091420.pdf</u>
September 26, 2020	Minneapolis Policy Action Committee - Action Authorizing \$2,297,342 for Ballot Collection and Coordination Minnesota-Minneapolis	Unanimous action by Minneapolis Policy and Government Oversight Committee on Item 2020A-0703 accepting \$2,297,342 to implement the Safe Voting Plan during the 2020 presidential election.	Presented on September 15, 2020; approved on September 26, 2020	<u>Minneapolis Common Council Approval of Private CTCL Grant Funding Application for 2020 Presidential Elections 092620</u>
September 22, 2020	CARES Act Financial Reports from EAC	The 20 day, post primary CARES Act expenditure report by the Federal EAC indicates as of September 22, 2020 only 34% of the total funds appropriated under CARES for COVID elections purposes have been used. All CARES funding has to be used by December 31, 2020.	Private, CTLC funding for COVID response and related elections equipment continues to not be necessary, as federal appropriations for elections remains unspent.	<u>EAC CARES Act Expenditure Report September 22 2020</u>