



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/3/2024

File #: 24-1636

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the County to Extend Grant Funding Under the Voting System Replacement Contract 2018, Agreement No. 18G30112; Authorize Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters to Execute Necessary Documents and Approve the Attached Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$151,766 (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the county to extend grant funding in the sum of \$151,766 through reimbursement provided by the State of California under the Voting System Replacement Contract 2018 Program; and
2. Adopt the attached supplemental budget for fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 in the amount of \$151,766 (4/5 Vote Required); and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a certified copy of the attached resolution to the Office of Elections for further processing and submission to the Secretary of State; and
4. Authorize the Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters to execute the necessary documents and the attached contract to carry out the purpose of the Board's Order.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the Voting System Replacement Contract 2018 Program is to provide the counties within the state of California, as appropriated by Assembly Bill 1824 (Voting System Replacement Contracts), pursuant to California Elections Code, Sections 19400 and 19402, administered by the Secretary of State, with state funds to reimburse counties for voting system replacement activities subject to provisions contained in Agreement No. 18G30112 and all requirements of state and federal law, regulations, and procedures.

Counties may seek reimbursement for payments made pursuant to a purchase agreement, lease agreement, or other contract made after April 29, 2015. Reimbursement funds for voting systems that are not certified by the Secretary of State and within compliance of California System Standards by Dec. 31, 2024 (to be modified by State Extension), must be returned to the state. Funding may be used to help the Office of Elections to acquire necessary voting systems to replace antiquated equipment, increase efficiency of ballot processing, and provide voters with remote accessible vote by mail systems and conveniently located ballot drop boxes.

Counties may seek reimbursement for match funding on voting systems replacement activities. Matching funds are on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to the maximum contract amount. Matching funds may include county funds as well as federal funds, such as Help America Vote Act (HAVA). State funds, such as Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002 (VMB) cannot be used for match funding.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

State of California administered by the Secretary of State Office to reimburse county funds used for voting system replacement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

<i>Expenditures (1100,140)</i>	FY24-25
<i>Voting Equipment</i>	<u>151,766</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>151,766</u>

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

<i>Funding Sources (1100,140)</i>	FY24-25
<i>State/Federal Funds</i>	<u>151,766</u>
<i>Total Funding Sources</i>	<u>151,766</u>

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

Grant funding in the sum of \$151,766 provided through the Voting System Replacement Contract 2018 Program provides the Office of Elections with funding necessary to acquire voting systems to replace antiquated equipment, increase efficiency of ballot processing, and provide voters with remote accessible vote by mail systems and conveniently located ballot drop boxes. The Registrar of Voters is currently exploring vendor options available to ensure selected voting equipment will meet the needs of Humboldt County. Without contracting with a specific voting equipment vendor, the exact cost of replacing voting equipment is unknown at this time.

The Election department, during the budgeting process allocated funding for the equipment that could be used as the match for the State. In addition, the Elections department inquiring about additional grant opportunities to offset the State matching requirements.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

No impact on staffing.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Secretary of State
Humboldt County Auditor

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve this grant. This alternative is not recommended as it would negatively impact the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Supplemental Budget
- Agreement No. 18G30112
- Contractor Certification
- General Terms and Conditions

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 2/19/2019
File No.: 19-146