



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The SOS has received a federal grant under HAVA Section 101 for expenses incurred to improve cyber security and infrastructure related to the statewide voter registration database, VoteCal. The County will have authority to request reimbursement of the full allocation, \$25,000, in this contract beginning upon execution of the Agreement through June 30, 2021.

Grant funds will be used to reimburse the county for up to \$25,000 for costs of security awareness training and security assessments, as well as activities and software or hardware that support the security of VoteCal infrastructure. Qualified expenses necessary to physically secure or update servers are likewise reimbursable, as are services to document an incident response plan or other security policies and procedures.

Copies of the Agreement are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The requested State Standard Agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

FINANCING:

Invoices shall be paid by Elections. Once payment is issued, Elections shall submit a claim for reimbursement to the SOS. It is anticipated the SOS will reimburse within approximately 45 days of receipt of complete claim documentation.

Elections is not requesting increased estimated appropriations, as these expenditures are anticipated to occur and be requested in future budget years. There will be no additional cost to the County General Fund associated with this recommendation.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Enhancing cyber security ensures the privacy and accuracy of election records.

☐ Economic Development
☐ Administration

☐ Health & Human Services
☒ Infrastructure
☐ Public Safety

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Attachment: CA Agreement 18G27127