



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Agreement Number 18G30127 permits the County to be reimbursed dollar-for-dollar in the amount of up to \$1,160,500 for the lease and purchase of voting systems software and hardware through the Secretary of State (SOS), which received funds under in the Budget Act of 2018. The County will have authority to request reimbursement beginning upon execution of the Agreement through for eligible voting systems replacement activities made after April 29, 2015 and before June 30, 2021.

The County must use either its own funds, or federal funds through Help America Vote Act for qualifying leases or purchases. The SOS will reimburse expenditures by matching county funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$1,160,500. Pursuant to Election Code §19400 and 19402, grant funds may be spent on various components that constitute voting systems, such as ballot on demand, electronic poll books, and voting and tabulating devices.

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:

Elections is not requesting increased estimated revenue or appropriations, as no voting system has been vetted yet nor have the funds been received from the Secretary of State, as the funding/reimbursement is only made from the SOS at the time of purchase/lease. Reimbursement is allowed for expenses and activities made after April 29, 2015 and before June 30, 2021. When the intended products are identified, staff will return to the Board and a request to modify/adjust revenue and appropriations will be made at that time before the Budget Committee. There will be no cost to the County General Fund associated with the recommendation at this time.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Modernizing voting systems promotes the accurate, secure and efficient administration of elections.

☐ Economic Development
☒ Administration
☐ Health & Human Services
☐ Infrastructure
☐ Public Safety

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Attachments: CA Agreement 18G30127