



Legislation Text

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Elections Department recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Authorize the Registrar of Voters to execute Grant Funding Agreement 23G26109; and
- 2) Approve and authorize a budget amendment to increase revenue and appropriations to the Elections Department for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for \$20,000 (4/5 vote required).

FUNDING: 100% Federal Funding.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Secretary of State, through the U.S. Elections Administration Commission, has made \$20,000 available for Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant reimbursement funds to the Elections Department.

This funding is provided to improve polling place accessibility to voters with disabilities. The Elections Department will use the funds specifically to send two employees to accessibility training, and to purchase any necessary tools to perform accessibility audits (i.e. slope measurement, calculators, tape measures, cameras, etc.) as needed. The elections department will also use the funds to pay for staff to audit/survey our existing and prospective polling locations, and for the purchase of any needed mitigation equipment (for example temporary door ramps, temporary pull handles, temporary hand rails, low-vision pens, magnifying devices, etc.) to improve accessibility for voters with specific needs. The Election Department may also use the funding to contract with an ADA consultant to ensure full compliance with ADA regulations.

This is a grant the County has been able to take advantage of for over 12 years, ensuring the voters of El Dorado County a more accessible voting experience.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

Item #19-0001, February 5, 2019, The Board approved Grant agreement #18G26109 for \$25,000.00

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No change to Net County Cost, budget amendment is attached.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Return executed Resolution to the Elections Department.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

N/A

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