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# Voting Modernization Board

## Modernizing Voting Equipment in California

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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #22044

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Paula Ritter  
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RE: Voting Modernization Board: Additional Funding Round

During the February 9, 2022, Voting Modernization Board (VMB) meeting, the Board voted to accept applications for an additional funding round to reallocate and distribute the estimated \$10.8 million that will remain from the original allotments.

The deadline for counties to submit applications for the additional funding round is **April 6, 2022**. Each county is required to submit Appendix A.1, Application for Additional Funding Consideration, and a resolution from their governing body authorizing the application for additional funds. Appendix A.1 may be found on the VMB webpage at <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vmb/application-process/appendix-a.1.pdf>. A sample resolution is provided (Appendix B.1) and may be found on the VMB webpage at <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vmb/application-process/appendix-b.1.pdf>. The amount allocated to each county for the additional funding round will be determined after all applications are received.

Once applications are received and allocation amounts have been determined, counties will have until May 25, 2022, to submit their Project Documentation Packages (PDPs) for the additional funding round. Appendix C.1, Project Documentation Form, must accompany the PDPs. Appendix C.1 may be found on the VMB webpage at the following location: <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vmb/application-process/appendix-c.1.pdf>.

As a reminder, counties may be reimbursed for replacing each part of their voting system once. In the staff report from November 15, 2019, counties that have replaced an entire system<sup>1</sup> may also be reimbursed for expansion of their existing voting system solution by adding components to further modernize their existing system<sup>2</sup>.

For those counties that have not been reimbursed for an entire system in their previous phases, parts of a voting system that are replaced are reimbursable so long as they have not been previously requested by that county.

Voting systems typically consist of the following:

1. Client (Workstation) / Server
2. Stand Alone (Workstation)
3. Precinct Scanner for tabulation
4. Central Scanner for tabulation
5. Election Management System Software (Can have many functions - Ballot Layout, Election Programming)
6. Tabulation Software
7. Ballot Marking Devices
8. Adjudication Software
9. Ballot on Demand Workstation and Printer
10. External Supporting Peripherals (Not Subject to Certification): keyboards, mice, printers, network switch, various cables, accessibility devices (Sip & Puff, Jelly Switches, or other external controls), carrying cases for polling place equipment, ballot boxes, accessibility tables, and printer ink/cartridges.

Other components that could be considered an expansion of a voting system include:

1. Remote accessible vote-by-mail systems (RAVBM)
2. Ballot on Demand systems
3. Electronic Poll Books (e-poll books)
4. Vote-by-Mail processing equipment
5. Signature verification hardware/software

Below are examples of items that are not considered part of a voting system and are **not reimbursable** by the VMB:

1. Vote by mail ballot drop boxes
2. Hardware/Software maintenance
3. Software annual license and support fees, other than first year license fees (first year license fees are reimbursable)
4. Accessible Sample Ballot
5. Voter Registration EMS systems
6. Storage racks and shelving
7. Electrical and other improvements to facilities
8. Vehicles

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (916) 695-1592. Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Counties that have been paid for an entire voting system with remaining funds are: Calaveras, Humboldt, Mendocino, Solano, Tulare, and Ventura.

<sup>2</sup> <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vmb/staff-reports/expansion-vs-replacement.pdf>