

Humboldt County

Phase 4 – Project Documentation Plan - Staff Report

Summary

Humboldt County	Amounts
Initial Allocation Amount	\$986,044.95
Phase 1 - January 17, 2007	
Total System Cost	\$884,099.29
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$472,397.62
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$157,465.87
Amount Dispersed to County	\$472,397.62
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$513,647.33
Phase 2 - May 14, 2012	
Total System Cost	\$720,244.48
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$313,833.48
County Match Amount	\$406,411.00
Amount Dispersed to County	\$313,833.48
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$199,813.85
Phase 3 - September 25, 2019	
Total System Cost	\$259,259.47
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$133,922.00
County Match Amount	\$125,337.47
Amount Dispersed to County	\$133,922.00
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$65,891.85
Phase 4 - January 19, 2022	
Total System Cost	\$99,819.54
Staff Recommended Conditional Funding Award Amount	\$65,891.85
County Match Amount	\$33,927.69
Remaining Initial Formula Allocation	
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$0.00
Remaining County Match Amount	\$0.00

Phase 4 Voting Equipment:

Hardware: 15 Verity Print paper ballot printing units

Vendor: HART InterCivic

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Acquisition Schedule:

Humboldt County has obtained a quote from HART InterCivic for the purchase of 15 ballot on demand units. Upon approval of the purchase and fund match, Humboldt County will complete the voting equipment purchase.

Project Completion Date:

Humboldt County will fully implement this new voting equipment by the November 2022 General Election.

Staff Report:

Humboldt County's Phase 4 Project Documentation Package meets the requirements for completeness, pending submission of a signed agreement with the vendor.

In Phase 1 of its Voting Modernization strategy, Humboldt County purchased HART InterCivic eSlates, Judge Booth Controllers (JBCs), and related election software in order to comply with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

In Phase 2, the County replaced their optical scan units that were reaching end of life.

In Phase 3, the County purchased an automated vote-by-mail ballot return envelope sorting/scanning system to assist with the processing of vote-by-mail ballots.

For Phase 4 of its Voting Modernization strategy, the County proposes to further enhance its voting system with the purchase of fifteen HART InterCivic Verity Print units (ballot on demand) along with licensing and support. The County has used the ballot on demand units for all elections since November 2020 at its four-day voting sites. One-day voting sites did not have a ballot on demand unit available.

Humboldt County is in the process of implementing the Voter's Choice Act (VCA) model and hopes to complete this process, receive approval from the California Secretary of State, and fully transition to VCA for the November 2022 General Election. The County has determined that the additional fifteen ballot on demand units are necessary in order to provide a sufficient level of services and ballot access to voters at all polling places under the VCA model. The equipment for which partial funding is requested will allow the county to print every ballot style at any VCA location countywide. Successful implementation of the VCA model will provide voters with more choices on how, when, and where they vote as well as expand voter services previously only offered at the Elections Office.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Humboldt County's Phase 4 Project Documentation Plan be conditionally approved pending a signed vendor agreement, and a Conditional Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of \$65,891.85. Vendor quotes were provided for the requested items. The funds would be released upon the County's submission of signed vendor agreements and invoices.