

Los Angeles County

Additional Funding Round – Project Documentation Plan - Staff Report

Summary

Los Angeles County	Amounts
Initial Allocation Amount	\$49,636,590.28
Phase 1 - February 9, 2004	
Total System Cost	\$902,936.15
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$639,071.25
County 3:1 Match Amount	\$213,023.75
Amount Dispersed to County	610,353.95
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$49,026,236.33
Phase 2 - May 31, 2019	
Total System Cost	\$4,697,952.00
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$2,803,990.25
County 3:1 Match Amount	\$934,663.41
Amount Dispersed to County	2,803,990.25
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$46,222,246.08
Phase 3 - May 6, 2020	
Total System Cost	\$62,018,198.00
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$46,052,245.84
County 3:1 Match Amount	\$15,350,748.61
Amount Dispersed to County	46,052,245.84
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$170,000.24
Phase 4 - June 29, 2020	
Total System Cost	\$375,000.00
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$170,000.24
County 3:1 Match Amount	\$204,999.76
Amount Dispersed to County	170,000.24
Remaining Allocation Amount	(\$0.00)
Additional Funding Round	
Additional Funding Round Allotment	\$816,959.55
Total Equipment Cost	\$1,089,279.40
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$816,959.55
County 3:1 Match Amount	\$272,319.85
Remaining Additional Funding Round Allotment	
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$0.00
Remaining County Match Amount	\$0.00

Additional Funding Round Voting Equipment:

Hardware: 2 BlueCrest Vantage 5.0 ASR machines

Vendor: BlueCrest

Acquisition Schedule:

The County plans to take delivery of the ASR machines no later than December 2022.

Project Completion Date:

The County expects the ASR machines to go live on November 3, 2023, and to be used in the March 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

Staff Report:

Los Angeles County's Additional Funding Round Project Documentation Package meets the requirements for completeness.

When the Secretary of State's Office implemented VoteCal in 2016, the integration between the County's EMS and VoteCal had a significant impact on business processes and began to strain the capabilities of the EMS. The County seeks to implement a flexible and scalable EMS that allows them to continue to adjust to new regulations and continue to enhance services. The vision for the future state EMS is built around a solution that uses modern technology, is highly aligned to operational needs, and has the ability to streamline processes. The EMS will support new voting administration models and will better integrate with other systems such as VoteCal and the County's recently implemented Voting Solutions for All People System.

For the Additional Funding Round, the County seeks reimbursement for the replacement of the Automated Signature Recognition (ASR) solution which includes hardware and software modifications. The ASR solution is the backbone of the process which facilitates the processing of vote-by-mail ballots. The new ASR solution will increase the volume of ballots processed from 8,000 per hour to 40,000. It will also ensure the disposition of duplicate ballots and vote-by-mail ballots returned by voters who already voted at a vote center. Additionally, the new ASR solution will capture the entire envelope image instead of just the signature area. This important upgrade allows staff to quickly identify ballots of voters that did not sign their ballot envelope in the signature area due to visual impairment. These enhancements will increase processing speed and provide faster ballot status updates to voters, and confidence that their ballot was processed in a timely manner.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Los Angeles County's Additional Funding Round Project Documentation Plan be approved, and a Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of \$816,959.55.