

Los Angeles County

Phase 4 Project Documentation Package 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 Matching Amount	\$213,023.75
Amount Dispersed to County	\$610,353.95
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$48,997,519.03
Phase 2 - May 31, 2019	
Total System Cost	\$4,697,952.00
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$2,803,990.25
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$934,663.41
Amount Dispersed to County	\$2,803,990.25
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$46,222,246.08
Phase 3 - May 6, 2020	
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$46,052,245.84
Remaining VMB Allocation Amount	\$46,222,246.08
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$15,350,748.61
County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$62,018,198.00
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$170,000.24
Phase 4 - July 29, 2020	
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$170,000.24
Remaining VMB Allocation Amount	\$170,000.24
County Matching Amount	\$204,999.76
County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$375,000.00
Remaining Allocation Amount	-

Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Phase 4:

Software:

VSAP 2.0 Tally System and Ballot Layout

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Acquisition Schedule:

The VSAP 2.0 Voting System was conditionally certified on January 24, 2020, by the California Secretary of State.

Project Completion Date:

Los Angeles County's second phase of the VSAP 2.0 System was fully implemented during the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

Staff Report:

Los Angeles County's Phase 4 Project Documentation Plan appears to meet the funding application requirements for completeness. The VSAP 2.0 System and corresponding components are certified for use by Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County launched the VSAP project in 2009 in response to growing voting system needs and unique challenges as a result of the increasing voting population and complexity of election administration. The County claims that the previous voting system did not offer the technical and functional elasticity necessary to accommodate the growing demands of the electorate's diversity and size. As such, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk sought to create a new comprehensive system that could fulfill the goals of increased accuracy, transparency, and security with a human-centered focus.

Los Angeles County adopted a multi-phased approach to modernizing its voting system. In 2004, the County purchased 171 AccuVote TS Diebold units. In May of 2019, the County was reimbursed for the first phase of implementing the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) system. The County was also awarded funds for their new Vote-by-Mail Tally System. This included a redesigned vote-by-mail ballot system, a modernized tally system, and a certified ballot on demand system. These components were fully implemented during the November 2018 General Election.

For Phase 3 of the County's voting system modernization, the second phase of the VSAP project, Los Angeles County contracted with Digital Foundry, Smartmatic USA Corporation, IBML, and E-PLUS Technologies to complete the VSAP 2.0 system. The VSAP 2.0 system is the "in-person voting experience" consisting of an expansion of the Vote-by-Mail Tally system that was part of the Phase 2 modernization, ePollbooks, a new ballot layout application (VBL), an Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB), an ISB Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail System (RAVBMS), and Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs). The County was awarded \$46,052,245.84 at the May 2020 meeting for several invoices from this project.

For this final phase of voting modernization, Los Angeles County has come forward to claim the remaining \$170,000.24 from their VMB funds for the completion of the purchase of Los Angeles County's new Tally System and VBM Ballot Layout for the Voting Solutions for All People system.

The County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted a payment request with the detailed invoice for its certified voting equipment software. Please note that the staff-proposed funding award is based upon allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41 for certified voting equipment software for the VSAP system.

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Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Los Angeles County's Phase 4 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of \$170,000.24.