

Nevada County

Phase 3 - Project Documentation Plan - Staff Report Summary

Phase 3	Amounts
Initial Allocation Amount	\$866,431.28
Phase 1	
Total System Cost	\$1,392,202.52
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$750,726.32
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$250,242.11
Amount Dispersed to County	\$750,726.32
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$115,704.96
Phase 2	
Total System Cost	\$13,184.00
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$9,888.00
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$3,296.00
Amount Dispersed to County	\$9,888.00
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$105,816.96
Phase 3	
Staff Recommended & County Requested Funding Award Amount	\$105,816.96
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 105,816.96
County Match Amount	\$211,933.04
County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$317,750.00
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$0

Voting Equipment:

Hardware: Verity Touch Writer w/Access (BMD)

Vendor: Hart Voting System

Acquisition Schedule:

Nevada County purchased the Hart Verity Touch system in June of 2019 and the equipment was delivered in July of 2019.

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Project Completion Date:

Nevada County completed testing in October of 2019 and utilized their new equipment for the November 5, 2019, Assembly District 1 Special General Election.

Staff Report:

Nevada County's Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness.

Phase 1 of Nevada County's modernization efforts began in 2007. At that time, the county purchased an optical scan precinct and central count system as well as e-Slate units from Hart Intercivic, Inc. using a combination of federal, state, and county funds. This helped the County meet HAVA requirements for voters with disabilities. Originally, the County was awarded the complete allocation amount, however the County returned twice after approval with changes to the project plan. The County's final approval was for \$750,726.32.

For Phase 2 of the County's modernization efforts, they purchased the Balotar Ballot on Demand Printers from ES&S to assist with their vote-by-mail and over-the-counter requests as they geared up for their first all mail ballot election in 2018. The County was awarded \$9,888.00 to improve their system and mold to the VCA model.

For this final phase of voting modernization in Nevada County, the elections office has replaced their aging system that is neither useful nor fit to conduct elections efficiently in the VCA county. In 2018, the County started researching new voting systems that would not only meet all Federal and State requirements, but are also easily maintained, perform well, and would be easy for voters and vote center workers to use. Nevada County entered into an agreement with Hart Voting Systems and purchased the Hart Verity Voting System because it met each of the County's requirements for a new system. This agreement is for \$581,266.00 with an additional amount of \$43,594.96 in sales tax.

Nevada County seeks reimbursement for the Hart Verity Touch BMDs. These machines are designed to operate in an all vote-by-mail election. The machines are equipped with the best-in-class security features and advanced auditing capabilities to assure accurate results. They can also customize the device to suit every voter's needs from display text size, color contrast, language, and more. The devices also accommodate limitless ballot styles and are easy to set up and use.

Nevada County is also seeking reimbursement for the Verity Print ballot on demand printers acquired in this transaction, however the County is ineligible under Proposition 41 because they have received payments for the Balotar Ballot on Demand printers in 2017.

Nevada County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its voting equipment. A chart of nonallowable expenses is attached detailing all ineligible expenses from Nevada's Phase 3 of Voting Modernization.

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Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Nevada County's Phase 3 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of \$105,816.96.