

San Joaquin County

Additional Funding Round – Change Request – Staff Report

Summary

Equipment on Additional Round Application			
Item Description	Amount	VMB	County Match
60 Phase 1 ePollbooks	\$ 107,042.25	\$ 80,281.69	\$ 26,760.56
260 Phase 2 ePollbooks	\$ 463,849.75	\$ 347,887.31	\$ 115,962.44
Total approved application	\$ 570,892.00	\$ 428,169.00	\$ 142,723.00
Adjustment for clerical error	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 800.00
Adjusted approved application	\$ 574,092.00	\$ 430,569.00	\$ 143,523.00
Actual Cost of Equipment on Additional Round Application			
Item Description	Amount	VMB	County Match
60 Phase 1 ePollbooks	\$ 107,642.25	\$ 80,731.69	\$ 26,910.56
260 Phase 2 ePollbooks	\$ 121,862.00	\$ 91,396.50	\$ 30,465.50
Total actual cost of approved equipment	\$ 229,504.25	\$ 172,128.19	\$ 57,376.06
Adjusted approved application	\$ 574,092.00	\$ 430,569.00	\$ 143,523.00
Unused from approved application	\$ (344,587.75)	\$(258,440.81)	\$(86,146.94)
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1 Relia-Vote Vantage Sorter	\$ 637,085.90	\$ 477,814.43	\$ 159,271.47
3 Ballot on Demand printers	\$ 27,772.56	\$ 20,829.42	\$ 6,943.14
Total Equipment on change request	\$ 894,362.71	\$ 670,772.04	\$ 223,590.67
Adjusted approved amount	\$ 574,092.00	\$ 430,569.00	\$ 143,523.00
Additional funds requested	\$ 320,270.71	\$ 240,203.04	\$ 80,067.67

Change Request Voting Equipment:

Hardware: 1 Relia-Vote Vantage mail sorting machine
3 Ballot on Demand printers, laptops and routers

Software: Balotar software for Ballot on Demand system

Vendor: BlueCrest
Election Systems & Software (ES&S)

Staff Report:

At the May 10, 2022, VMB meeting, the Board approved San Joaquin's Application for Additional Funding Consideration for 320 ePollbooks plus peripherals in the amount of \$428,169.00. The reimbursement amount contained a clerical error and was subsequently corrected to \$430,569.00.

The actual cost of the ePollbooks was significantly less than the amount stated in the approved application because the unit cost of an ePollbook decreased from \$1,640.00 on the Phase 1 invoice, to \$430.00 per unit on the Phase 2 invoice. This leaves the county with a remainder of \$258,440.81 in unutilized funds. To utilize the remainder of their VMB allotment, the county has identified additional equipment that is necessary to improve their voting system technology to keep up with population growth and efficiently process an increasing volume of vote-by-mail ballots. The county has submitted a Change Request seeking reimbursement for a ballot sorter and an upgrade to their ballot-on-demand system in addition to the ePollbooks contained on their original application. The total reimbursement amount on the change request is \$670,772.04, which exceeds the amount of the approved application by \$240,203.04.

The County would like to add a ballot sorter as it will allow for integrity and transparency when processing the growing number of mail-in-ballots that the County expects to receive in the future, as is it likely that many voters throughout the state will continue the adoption of vote-by-mail as their primary voting choice.

The County would like to upgrade their ballot on demand system because the system previously utilized became obsolete due to the unavailability of parts for repairs. The upgraded system allows the County to automate and streamline ballot production and distribution, offering flexible options for on-demand ballot printing needs. It enables election staff to print the exact number of ballots needed for each precinct of any allowable ballot style based on voter turnout. This feature increases efficiency and reduces cost and waste.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that San Joaquin County's Change Request is approved, and a revised Additional Funding Award Approval Letter is issued to San Joaquin County in the amount of \$670,772.04.