

Sonoma County

Phase 3 – Project Documentation Plan - Staff Report

Summary

Sonoma County	Amounts
Initial Allocation Amount	\$3,269,773.85
Phase 1 - September 20, 2006	
Total System Cost	\$4,727,549.20
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$2,880,074.40
County Actual Match Amount	\$1,847,474.80
Amount Dispersed to County	2,864,618.43
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$405,155.42
Phase 2 - February 3, 2010	
Total System Cost	\$710,330.16
VMB Funding Award Amount	\$398,649.32
County Actual Match Amount	\$311,680.32
Amount Dispersed to County	\$398,649.32
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$6,506.10
Phase 3 - January 19, 2022	
Total System Cost	\$96,177.25
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$6,506.10
County Actual Match Amount	\$89,671.15
Remaining Initial Formula Allocation	
Remaining Allocation Amount	(\$0.00)
Remaining County Match Amount	(\$0.00)

Phase 3 Voting Equipment

Hardware:

75 Dell Mobile Precision
 Workstations 75 Dell Laser Wired
 Mouses
 75 Dell Pro Briefcases

Vendor: Dell Marketing

Acquisition Schedule:

Sonoma County has secured the Phase 3 equipment. This new equipment will be placed in service as part of the Voter’s Choice Act implementation for the June 2022 Primary Election.

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Project Completion Date:

Sonoma County will use their new equipment for the June 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election.

Staff Report:

Sonoma County's Phase 3 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness.

In Phase 1, as part of its implementation of a blended voting system, Sonoma County purchased Hart eSlate Electronic Voting Appliances (DRE) with Verified Ballot Option (VBO) Printers. One eSlate DRE unit was placed in every polling place in the county in order to bring the county into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and state accessibility requirements.

In Phase 2, Sonoma County augmented their existing Mark-A-Vote optical scan voting equipment with the Bowe, Bell & Howell automated vote-by-mail signature verification and sorting system. This acquisition allowed the County to accommodate their ever-growing vote-by-mail voter population.

In Phase 3, Sonoma County's Registrar of Voters (ROV) purchased additional in-person voting equipment, including laptops. This equipment was needed and used to administer the November 2020 General Election and the September 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election while under COVID- 19 health conditions (as allowed for under urgent legislation). It was also purchased in order to meet the in-person voting requirements of the Voter's Choice Act model, which was adopted by Sonoma County's Board of Supervisors on March 16, 2021. This model will be implemented in Sonoma County for the June 2022 Primary Election.

The ROV determined that an additional 75 ePoll book type equipment would be needed to meet these new voting requirements. Laptops were then purchased in lieu of ePoll books in order to interact with the County's Elections Management system. The ROV will utilize voter check-in or roster laptops to provide the correct ballot for every voter regardless of the vote center they choose to visit. The use of the electronic roster solution allows any voter the ability to cast their ballot at any vote center and allows poll workers to verify the voter has not already cast a ballot in the election, thereby minimizing the issuance of provisional ballots. This solution reduces the amount of time a voter might need to fill out provisional voting documents. It also ensures that the voter has access to all the contests and measures applicable to their voting precinct, regardless of where they choose to cast their ballot.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Sonoma County's Phase 3 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of \$6,506.10.