



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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RECORDER-ELECTIONS

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Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
Subject: Authorizing Chief Elections Officer to Apply for Reimbursement Funds for Cyber Security

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Elections Officer to apply for and receive, on behalf of the County, reimbursement funds related to cyber security and infrastructure through a grant offered by the California Secretary of State regarding the Help America Vote Act in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

BACKGROUND:

The California Secretary of State has put forward an agreement offering a grant to reimburse the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division for one or more of the following purposes:

- 1) To conduct security assessments.
- 2) To acquire third party software and/or hardware in support of improving cyber security capabilities related to VoteCal.
- 3) To acquire software, hardware, or consulting services, and/or any associated IT installation directly related to managing cyber security risks.
- 4) To provide privacy and security awareness training.
- 5) To physically secure servers hosting county voter registration and election information systems.
- 6) To update and harden servers hosting the county voter registration and election information systems.
- 7) To establish, maintain and participate in the dedicated VoteCal County Test Environment.
- 8) To provide services to improve security practices and documentation.
- 9) To acquire monitoring systems and applications to prevent and detect data breaches or fraud.

The reimbursements provided under this agreement shall not exceed \$25,000.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Collaborative Community through promoting security solutions and preservation of practices and procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net county cost associated with accepting the Help America Vote Act reimbursement funds.