



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

John Arntz, Director

April 11, 2024

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Attached are the original and copies of a proposed accept and expend resolution from the Department of Elections requesting the Board of Supervisors' approval to utilize funds totaling \$168,000 for costs associated with election security.

Funds totaling \$9.2 million were made available under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and will be disbursed by the California Secretary of State's Office (SOS) to each county. The SOS determined the funding amount allocated to each county according to a county's percentage of registered voters during the November 2022 election in relation to the statewide number of registered voters. To receive funds each county elections office must obtain legislative approval from its Board of Supervisors before entering into contracts administered by the SOS.

The Department of Elections has not made purchases or obtained services dependent on receiving the HAVA funds. Instead, prior to receiving notice of the availability of funds, the Department had begun implementing measures to increase security for its offices in City Hall and its warehouse site on Pier 31. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Department will seek reimbursement for the costs associated with measures to increase the physical security of the Department's sites.

Additionally, Department personnel must still attend a regional tabletop training session regarding cybersecurity organized by the SOS or the federal Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency later this year.

Respectfully,



John Arntz, Director

Encl: Grant Resolution Information Form
Resolution to Accept and Expend federal funds for election security

Attachment 1: Memorandum #24056 from the California Secretary of State detailing costs eligible for reimbursement using HAVA funds for election security.

Attachment 2: State of California Standard Agreement –Funds for Election Security