



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 \$60,380.03 for costs associated with polling place accessibility.

Funds totaling \$4.2 million were made available under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and will be disbursed to counties by the California Secretary of State's Office (SOS). 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 meet new requirements set in Assembly Bill 545 regarding accessible voting at polling places. If this resolution is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Department will seek reimbursement for costs associated with this state legislation.

Additionally, Department personnel must still attend training sessions organized by the SOS regarding polling place accessibility prior to receiving the funds. The Department expects its personnel will attend the next training session which is scheduled for April 23, 2024.

Respectfully,



John Arntz, Director

Encl: Grant Resolution Information Form
Resolution to Accept and Expend federal and state funds for polling place accessibility.

Attachment 1: Memorandum #23115 from the California Secretary of State detailing costs eligible for reimbursement using HAVA funds for polling place accessibility.

Attachment 2: State of California, Department of Finance – Standard Agreement – Funds for Polling Place Accessibility

Attachment 3: Assembly Bill 545