

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Clerk Recorder / Elections

BOARD AGENDA # B-13

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE January 15, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Section 301 Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,769,211.92 for Election related contracts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to receive and spend Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Section 301 Grant funds for the following:
 - a. Voter and poll worker outreach and training;
 - b. Funding for salaries, wages, costs and benefits for staff, consultants or contractors involved in the election process;
 - c. The purchase, lease or rental of additional certified voting systems or components of voting systems, including transportation costs; and

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Federal Help America Vote Act Section 301 Grant allows counties to purchase, lease or rent additional certified voting systems or components of voting systems, provide voter education and poll worker training as well as fund salaries, wages, costs and benefits for staff, consultants or contractors involved in the process. The grant provides for use of \$1,769,211.92 in Federal Grant funding on a cost reimbursement basis. Payment for any services rendered as part of this grant will be contingent upon the County receiving reimbursement from this grant. There is no additional required contribution from the Elections General Fund budget unit as a condition of accepting this grant funding.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-049

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED):

- d. Reimbursement of HAVA costs incurred by the Count and not otherwise reimbursed pursuant to Proposition 41 or any other State or Federal Program.
2. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to expend funds and seek reimbursement from the Federal Help America Vote Act Section 301 Grant.
3. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to negotiate, award and execute all corresponding contracts.
4. Authorize the Auditor-Controller and the Chief Executive Office to increase appropriations and estimated revenue \$1,769,211.92.

DISCUSSION:

On October 29, 2002, President Bush signed the "Help America Vote Act of 2002" (HAVA) into law. The legislation is designed to improve the administration of elections in the United States. Stanislaus County has already applied for and received four HAVA grants. One in the amount of \$2,438,812.87 to purchase a new voting system, a second in the amount of \$175,000 to improve voter education and poll worker training, a third in the amount of \$41,842 to assist voters with disabilities, and a fourth in the amount of \$2,438,812.87 for the purchase, lease or rent of additional certified voting systems or components of voting systems, voter education and poll worker training, salaries, wages, costs and benefits for staff, consultants or contractors involved in the process. All four grants were received through contracts entered between Stanislaus County and the California Secretary of State.

On January 10, 2006 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Registrar of Voters to apply for, receive and spend the fourth HAVA grant. Stanislaus County spent \$669,600.95 of the \$2,438,812.87 grant monies before the grant contract concluded and the California Secretary of State approved an extension beyond the original grant end date of June 30, 2007. Although Stanislaus County agreed to an extension of the original grant, the Secretary of State ultimately decided a new contract instead of an extension of the prior contract was necessary. Stanislaus County entered this second contract and can now receive and spend the remaining \$1,769,211.92 in grant monies originally authorized on January 10, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors. This agenda item is being submitted to the Board of Supervisors to establish the budget and authorize the expenditure of the continuing HAVA 301 Grant funds on a cost reimbursement basis through the contract end date of December 31, 2010.

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The approval to expend HAVA Section 301 grant funds will help Stanislaus maintain compliance with the requirements of Section 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The grant will be utilized for the specific purposes including, but not limited to, enhancement of voter education and outreach as well as the recruitment and training of poll workers, the support of our new voting system, and to meet the alternative language requirements.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of the recommendations is intended to meet the Board's priority of the efficient delivery of public services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing associated with this request.

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BUDGET JOURNAL

BUDGET JOURNAL SCREEN

Budget Organization **Stanislaus Budget Org**
 Budget **LEGAL BUDGET**
 Accounting Period From **Jan-08**
 To **Jul-08**



BATCH SCREEN

Journal Batch **BO 200 --**
 Category **Budget**

Line	Coding Structure						Period	Description
	Fund 4	Org 7	Account 5	G/L Proj 7	Loc 6	Misc 6	AMOUNT	
1	100	20220	50000				50,000.00	Salaries
2	100	20220	50020				30,000.00	Extra Help
3	100	20220	62600			.0	20,000.00	Office Supplies
4	100	20220	63000			.0	400,000.00	Professional & Special Services
5	100	20220	66850			.0	150,000.00	Promotional Expense
6	100	20220	65780			.0	30,000.00	Education & Training
7	100	20220	62990			.0	75,000.00	Exp. Equipment to \$5000.00
8	100	20220	81000			.0	1,014,211.92	Equipment
9	100	20200	25000			.0	1,769,211.92	Intergovernmental Revenue
10						.0		
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Totals							3,538,423.84	

Explanation: _____

Requesting Department	CEO	Auditors Office Only
 Signature <u>1-10-08</u> Date	 Signature <u>1-10-08</u> Date	 Prepared By Admin Approval (\$75K+) <u>1/10/08</u> Date
Contact Person & Phone Number		