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2020 Legislative Report on Election Equipment Grant Account Awards

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Background

In 2017, the legislature authorized \$7 Million in grant funding available to counties, cities, towns, and school districts to assist with the purchase of voting equipment. The legislature authorized use of these funds to offset up to 50% of the cost of optical scan precinct counters, optical scan central counters, or assisted voting devices; up to 75% of the cost of electronic rosters. See Minn. Laws. 2017, 1st Spec. Sess., Chap. 4, Art. 3 §17. This report summarizes the grant awards made to local jurisdictions in accordance with the enabling legislation, "including the jurisdiction, the amount of the grant, and the type of equipment purchased." *Id.*

Overview of election Equipment Grant Account Awards

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State made grant applications available starting on September 6, 2017. Applications were due to the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State by 4 p.m. on December 15, 2017. At the close of the grant application period, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State received grant applications from 85 counties and 17 municipalities, for a total request of over \$13.3 million in grant matching funds. Of these jurisdictions, 97 requested \$8,199,605.78 in matching funds for electronic rosters and 59 requested \$5,097,051.17 in matching funds for optical scan precinct counters optical scan central counters, or assisted voting devices.

2019 Report of VEGA-1 Grant Expenditures

Accompanying this summary is an Excel spreadsheet with the details of the VEGA Grant Expenditures during 2019. There were several counties and municipalities that requested extensions and/or reallocations. The Secretary of State's office agreed to grant extensions and reallocations to those counties that requested them. The reallocations did not change the total amounts awarded to any of the counties but it allowed them to shift the amounts of the award between optical scan equipment and electronic roster equipment. The 12 counties that received reallocations are indicated on the attached spreadsheet and show what their new reallocated awards are. The result of the extensions is that the new deadline for

encumbering the amount was changed to December 31, 2019, the deadline for the expenditure was February 28, 2020, the deadline for the final report is now March 13, 2020, and all unused VEGA-1 Grant funds must be returned by March 31, 2020.

Originally \$7,000,000.00 was awarded for both optical scan election equipment and electronic roster equipment. At the beginning of 2019 there was \$1,974,202.06 remaining in the optical scan equipment awards and there was \$776,691.18 remaining in the electronic roster equipment awards. Between January of 2019 and December 31, 2019 \$1,000,354.54 of the VEGA-1 Grant funds were reported to have been spent on optical scan voting equipment and \$542,266.26 of the VEGA-1 grant funds were reported to have been spent on electronic roster equipment. After those expenditures and after the reallocations of the awards are taken into account the VEGA-1 grant balances reported to be remaining after December 31, 2019 are \$971,740.98 for optical scan voting equipment and \$282,816.42 for electronic roster equipment. This leaves a total of \$1,254,557.40 remaining. After adjusting for declined contracts, unsigned contracts, and unused funds that have been returned there is a balance of \$1,172,763.20.

If there are questions on the materials submitted in this report or the status of a jurisdiction's grant award or contract, contact Samm Bonawitz at 651-201-1334 or samm.bonawitz@state.mn.us

VEGA - 1 Expenditure Summary Through December 31, 2019

Counties and Municipalities	Optical Scan Equipment														Electronic Roster Equipment					Total VEGA Balance as of December 31, 2019 (Before Return of Unused Funds)			
	Total VEGA Grant Awarded	VEGA Grant Balances as of January 2019	Optical Scan Grant Balance as January 2019	E-Roster Grant Balance as of January 2019	Reallocation Amend.	Optical Scan Reallocated Amount	E-Roster Reallocated Amount	OS Vendor Name	OS Equipment Version(s) Purchased	Total OS Cost	VEGA Grant Amount Used (OS)	OS Assistive Voting Devices (AVD) Vendor Name	OS AVD Equipment Version(s) Purchased	Total OS AVD Cost	VEGA Grant Amount Used (OS AVD)	Total VEGA Grant Amount Expended on Op. Scan Equipment	Total VEGA Op. Scan Balance as of December 31, 2019	E-Roster Vendor Name	E-Roster Version(s) Purchased		Total E-Roster Equipment Cost	VEGA Grant Amount Expended on E-Roster Equipment	Total VEGA E-Roster Balance as of December 31, 2019
St Louis - Gilbert	\$ 1,858.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - Greenwood Twp	\$ 1,858.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - Hermantown	\$ 5,574.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - Hibbing	\$ 20,438.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - Hoyt Lakes	\$ 1,858.01	\$ 1,858.01	\$ 1,858.01	\$ -			ES&S	1 - DS200	\$ 5,715.00	\$ 1,858.01					\$ 1,858.01	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - Industrial Twp	\$ 1,858.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - Solway Twp	\$ 1,858.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - Virginia	\$ 9,290.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - White Twp	\$ 5,574.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
St Louis - Wuori Twp	\$ 1,858.01	\$ 1,858.01	\$ 1,858.01	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 1,858.01					\$ -	\$ 1,858.01	
Scott	\$ 87,326.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
Sherburne	\$ 65,030.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
Sibley	\$ 46,450.35	\$ 43,902.85	\$ 43,902.85	\$ -			ES&S	16 - DS200	\$ 81,520.00	\$ 40,760.00					\$ 40,760.00	\$ 3,142.85					\$ -	\$ 3,142.85	
Stearns	\$ 183,943.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
Steele	\$ 48,308.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
Stevens	\$ 43,773.50	\$ 17,343.50	\$ 16,947.50	\$ 396.00			ES&S	3 - DS200s	\$ 15,780.00	\$ 7,890.00					\$ 7,890.00	\$ 9,057.50					\$ 396.00	\$ 9,453.50	
Swift	\$ 55,740.42	\$ 42,300.42	\$ 38,401.68	\$ 3,898.74	x	\$ 35,580.42	\$ 6,720.00	ES&S	9 - DS200s	\$ 49,860.00	\$ 24,930.00	Democracy Live	6 - Omni Ballots	\$ 23,070.00	\$ 10,650.42	\$ 35,580.42	\$ (0.00)	Know Ink	7 - Poll Pads	\$ 8,960.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ -	\$ (0.00)
Todd	\$ 74,320.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
Traverse	\$ 37,160.28	\$ 37,160.28	\$ 23,621.35	\$ 13,538.93			ES&S	8 - DS200s	\$ 48,428.33	\$ 23,621.35					\$ 23,621.35	\$ -					\$ 13,538.93	\$ 13,538.93	
Wabasha	\$ 61,314.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
Wadena	\$ 46,450.35	\$ 5,299.03	\$ 5,299.03	\$ -	x	\$ -	\$ 5,299.03								\$ -	\$ -	Know Ink	6 - Poll Pads	\$ 7,680.00	\$ 5,299.03	\$ -	\$ -	
Waseca	\$ 40,876.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
Washington	\$ 163,505.25	\$ 163,505.25	\$ 141,005.25	\$ 22,500.00	x	\$ -	\$ 163,505.25			\$ -					\$ -	\$ -					\$ 163,505.25	\$ 163,505.25	
Watsonwan	\$ 39,018.29	\$ 7,184.71	\$ 7,184.71	\$ -	x	\$ 5,230.79	\$ 1,953.92			\$ -				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,230.79	Know Ink	9 - Poll Pads	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 1,953.92	\$ -	\$ 5,230.79	
Wilkin	\$ 59,456.45	\$ 35,703.95	\$ 35,703.95	\$ -						\$ -					\$ -	\$ 35,703.95					\$ -	\$ 35,703.95	
Winona	\$ 91,042.69	\$ 61,560.95	\$ 61,560.95	\$ -			ES&S	35 - DS200s	\$ 178,325.00	\$ 61,560.95					\$ 61,560.95	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	
Wright	\$ 79,894.60	\$ 38,869.65	\$ 38,869.65	\$ 41,024.95			ES&S	61 - DS200s	\$ 316,110.00	\$ 38,869.65					\$ 38,869.65	\$ -	Know Ink	115 - Poll Pads	\$ 147,200.00	\$ 41,024.95	\$ -	\$ -	
Yellow Medicine	\$ 55,740.42	\$ 18,435.42	\$ 18,435.42	\$ -			ES&S	5 - DS200s	\$ 26,300.00	\$ 13,150.00	Democracy Live	3 - Omni Ballots	\$ 20,151.00	\$ 5,285.42	\$ 18,435.42	\$ (0.00)					\$ -	\$ (0.00)	
Totals	\$ 7,000,000.00	\$ 2,750,893.24	\$ 1,974,202.06	\$ 817,716.13					\$ 2,318,061.33	\$ 909,802.43				\$ 212,357.70	\$ 90,552.11	\$ 1,000,354.54	\$ 971,740.98			\$ 950,528.96	\$ 542,266.26	\$ 282,816.42	\$ 1,254,557.40