



STATE OF MINNESOTA
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2021 Legislative Report on
Voting Equipment Grant Account Awards

COST OF REPORT PREPARATION

Estimated costs to prepare the report are provided in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.197. The total cost for the Office of the Secretary of State to prepare this report was approximately \$715. These costs are exclusively staff time needed to prepare the written report.

Background

As described in the 2020 report, \$2,000,000.00 from the Voting Equipment Grant Account (VEGA-2) was made available to counties and municipalities. See Minn. Laws 2019, 1st Spec. Sess., Chap. 10, Art. 1, sect. 6. No funds were distributed from VEGA-2 during 2021. However, a few jurisdictions were delayed in their reporting and were not included in the last year's report. This report includes a complete report for the VEGA-2 grant awards.

In 2021, \$1,500,000.00 was appropriated to the Voting Equipment Grant Account (VEGA-3). 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 2021, 1st Spec. Sess., Chap. 12, Art. 1, sect. 6. No funds from VEGA-3 were awarded or distributed in 2021.

Overview of Election Equipment Grant Account (VEGA-2)

Because the amount requested was in excess of the \$2,000,000.00, grants were awarded based on a pro-rata rate of .5257 of the amount requested, resulting in \$1,678,095 being awarded initially for optical scan ballot counters and optical scan assistive voting devices and with \$321,904.76 initially being awarded for electronic roster equipment.

Awards Declined (VEGA-2)

Seven jurisdictions (2 counties and 5 municipalities) declined their awards and, therefore, were not sent any funds. The total amount was \$132,714.85 (\$112,597.46 for optical scan equipment and \$20,117.39 for electronic roster equipment).

Reallocation of VEGA-2 Awards

Nine counties requested to reallocate their grant awards between optical scan equipment and electronic roster equipment. These reallocations resulted in the amount awarded for optical scan

equipment being \$1,669,207.81 and the amount awarded for electronic roster equipment was \$330,792.19.

Report of VEGA-2 Grant Expenditures

At the time of the previous Legislative Report there were three jurisdictions out of 65 that had not sent in their final Expenditure Reports for the VEGA-2 Grants. Those reports have now been received by the Secretary of State's Office and this report will provide the complete details of the VEGA-2 Grant Expenditures.

No additional funds from the VEGA-2 Grant were awarded or disbursed in the calendar year 2021.

The quantity and type of equipment purchased was as follows:

Optical Scan Equipment Purchased:

Democracy Live (MNCCC/SeaChange) – Omni Ballot Tablets – 648

Dominion – ICE (Combination Assistive Voting Device and Ballot Counter) – 19

ES&S – DS200 (Ballot Counter – Precinct or Central Count) – 83

ES&S – DS450 (Ballot Counter – Central Count) – 4

ES&S – DS850 (Ballot Counter – Central Count) – 1

Hart InterCivic – Verity Central (Ballot Counter – Central Count) – 3

Electronic Roster Equipment Purchased:

Know Ink Poll Pads – 415

The attached VEGA-2 Grant Tracking Spreadsheet contains the details for amounts spent and equipment purchased for each of the jurisdictions that were awarded VEGA-2 Grants.

VEGA-3 Grant Details

\$750,000.00 was appropriated for each year of the 2021-2022 biennium in Minnesota Laws, 1st Special Session, Chapter 12. The total \$1,500,000 that has been appropriated to the VEGA Account will be available for the VEGA-3 grants. In addition, the balance remaining from VEGA-1 and VEGA-2 will be made available for a VEGA-3 round of grants. The VEGA-3 grant awards will be issued from the \$1,935,058.86 currently available in the account. Applications were made available to local jurisdictions and have been returned by the deadline of December 17, 2021. However, there were no awards made or funds encumbered by December 31, 2021.

County/Municipality	ES&S											Hart InterCivic							Verity Central (Central Count Equipment including Scanners (Ramsey County)) - Quantity	Verity Central - Unit Cost	Verity Central - Total Cost	Hart - Total Ballot Counter Cost		
	Auto-MARK(AVD) - Total Cost	DS200 - Quantity	DS200 - Unit Cost	DS200 - Total Cost	DS450 - Quantity	DS450 - Unit Cost	DS450 - Total Cost	DS850 - Quantity	DS850 - Unit Cost	DS850 - Total Cost	ES&S - Total Ballot Counter Cost	ES&S - Total Optical Scan Cost	Verity Touch Writer - Quantity (AVD)	Verity Touch Writer (AVD) - Unit Cost	Verity Touch Writer (AVD) - Total Cost	Verity Scan (Precinct Counter) - Quantity	Verity Scan - Per Unit Cost	Verity Scan - Total Cost						
Aitkin County											\$	\$									\$	\$		
Anoka County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Becker County		4	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 19,920.00							\$ 19,920.00	\$ 19,920.00										\$	\$	
Benton County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Blue Earth County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Brown County		2	\$ 5,995.00	\$ 11,990.00							\$ 11,990.00	\$ 11,990.00										\$	\$	
Carver County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Cass County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Chippewa County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Chisago County											\$	\$									1	\$ 44,006.00	\$ 44,006.00	\$ 44,006.00
Clay County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Cook County		1	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00							\$ 5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00										\$	\$	
Dakota County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Dodge County		11	\$ 5,095.00	\$ 56,045.00							\$ 56,045.00	\$ 56,045.00										\$	\$	
Douglas County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Freeborn - Albert Lea											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Freeborn County					1	\$ 49,245.00	\$ 53,780.00				\$ 53,780.00	\$ 53,780.00										\$	\$	
Goodhue County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Hennepin County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Houston County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Hubbard County					1	\$ 50,745.00	\$ 55,540.00				\$ 55,540.00	\$ 55,540.00										\$	\$	
Isanti County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Itasca County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Jackson County		1	\$ 5,995.00	\$ 5,995.00							\$ 5,995.00	\$ 5,995.00										\$	\$	
Kanabec County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Kandiyohi County		6	\$ 5,175.00	\$ 31,050.00							\$ 31,050.00	\$ 31,050.00										\$	\$	
Kittson County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Le Sueur County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Lincoln County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Lyon County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
McLeod County					1	\$ 53,330.00	\$ 53,330.00				\$ 53,330.00	\$ 53,330.00										\$	\$	
Meeker County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Millie Lacs County		12	\$ 5,095.00	\$ 61,140.00							\$ 61,140.00	\$ 61,140.00										\$	\$	
Morrison County					1	\$ 63,465.00	\$ 63,465.00				\$ 63,465.00	\$ 63,465.00										\$	\$	
Nicollet County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Nobles County		7	\$ 5,095.00	\$ 35,665.00							\$ 35,665.00	\$ 35,665.00										\$	\$	
Olmsted County		10	\$ 5,595.00	\$ 55,950.00							\$ 55,950.00	\$ 55,950.00										\$	\$	
Polk County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Ramsey County											\$	\$									2	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Redwood County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Rice County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Scott-Elko New Market											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Scott - Shakopee											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Sibley County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Balkan Twp.		1	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00							\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Biwabik		1	\$ 5,540.00	\$ 5,540.00							\$ 5,540.00	\$ 5,540.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Brevator Twp.		1	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00							\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Buhi		1	\$ 5,540.00	\$ 5,540.00							\$ 5,540.00	\$ 5,540.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Cook		1	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00							\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Cotton Twp.		1	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00							\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Duluth Twp.		1	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00							\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Field Twp.		1	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00							\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Floodwood/Floodwood Twp.											\$	\$										\$	\$	
St. Louis - French Twp.		1	\$ 5,267.00	\$ 5,267.00							\$ 5,267.00	\$ 5,267.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Grand Lake Twp.		1	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00							\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Halden Twp.											\$	\$										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Hibbing											\$	\$										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Midway Twp.											\$	\$										\$	\$	
St. Louis -Mountain Iron		2	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 10,520.00							\$ 10,520.00	\$ 10,520.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - North Star Twp.		1	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00							\$ 5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Pequaywan Twp.											\$	\$										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Pike Twp.		1	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00							\$ 5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Proctor		1	\$ 5,540.00	\$ 5,540.00							\$ 5,540.00	\$ 5,540.00										\$	\$	
St. Louis - Rice Lake		2	\$ 5,257.04	\$ 10,514.08							\$ 10,514.08	\$ 10,514.08										\$	\$	
Stearns County		8	\$ 5,895.00	\$ 47,160.00				1	\$ 113,275.00	\$ 113,275.00	\$ 160,435.00	\$ 160,435.00										\$	\$	
Todd County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Wadena County		2	\$ 5,645.00	\$ 11,290.00							\$ 11,290.00	\$ 11,290.00										\$	\$	
Waseca County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Washington County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Winona County		2	\$ 5,095.00	\$ 10,190.00							\$ 10,190.00	\$ 10,190.00										\$	\$	
Wright County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Yellow Medicine County											\$	\$										\$	\$	
Totals	\$ -	83		\$ 441,936.08	4		\$ 226,115.00	1		\$ 113,275.00	\$ 781,326.08	\$ 781,326.08	0		\$ -	0		\$ -	3		\$ 57,506.00	\$ 57,506.00		

Totals after Reallocations

