



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Minnesota Secretary of State
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2024 Summary report on the expenditures from the voting operations, technology, and election resources (VOTER) account in the special revenue fund

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 \$50. These costs are exclusively staff time needed to prepare the written report.

BACKGROUND

2023 Minnesota Laws Chapter 62, Article 4, Section 6 authorized the voting operations, technology and election resources (VOTER) account which requires the Office of the Secretary of State distribute funds no later July 20th of each year to counties. Counties then may further distribute the funds to cities and townships based on the formula listed in Subdivision 4. Local governments may use the funds for the following purposes that are directly related to election administration:

- (1) equipment;
- (2) hardware or software;
- (3) cybersecurity;
- (4) security-related infrastructure;
- (5) capital improvements to government-owned property to improve access to polling places for individuals with disabilities;
- (6) staff costs for election administrators, election judges, and other election officials;
- (7) printing and publication;
- (8) postage;
- (9) programming;
- (10) local match for state or federal funds; and
- (11) any other purpose directly related to election administration.

On July 20, 2023, the Office of the Secretary of State completed the electronic transfer of \$1.25 million in electronic payments to counties for the VOTER Account. The total amounts were determined for each county by distributing 20 percent of the fund to all 87 counties. Then, 80 percent was allocated based on a proportion of registered voters, using [May 1, 2022 numbers](#). (MN Statutes 5.035) Allocations by county are included in Attachment A.

REPORT OF VOTER ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

As funds were authorized in 2023 Minnesota Laws Chapter 62, Article 4, Section 6 and first appropriated and distributed in state fiscal year 2024, there was no disbursement to local jurisdictions from this account in the previous fiscal year. Therefore, there is no data for the Office to report. The Office will collect the state FY24 expenditures and report that information by January 31, 2025.

Questions related to this report may be directed to Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, 651-201-1334, nicole.freeman@state.mn.us

Attachment A: VOTER Account Allocations by County

County	Total County Allocation		
Grand Total	\$1,250,000.00		
Aitkin	\$6,027.81	Lac qui Parle	\$4,085.91
Anoka	\$67,239.04	Lake	\$4,998.75
Becker	\$8,986.40	Lake of the Woods	\$3,649.14
Beltrami	\$10,629.08	Le Sueur	\$8,110.33
Benton	\$9,854.34	Lincoln	\$3,845.07
Big Stone	\$3,761.13	Lyon	\$6,934.47
Blue Earth	\$13,859.40	McLeod	\$9,299.10
Brown	\$7,442.54	Mahnomen	\$3,677.20
Carlton	\$9,158.19	Marshall	\$4,450.82
Carver	\$23,139.96	Martin	\$6,217.85
Cass	\$8,862.89	Meeker	\$7,013.63
Chippewa	\$4,899.10	Mille Lacs	\$7,458.26
Chisago	\$13,480.17	Morrison	\$8,928.58
Clay	\$12,911.18	Mower	\$9,008.58
Clearwater	\$4,321.42	Murray	\$4,360.16
Cook	\$4,045.77	Nicollet	\$8,689.14
Cottonwood	\$4,722.82	Nobles	\$5,623.60
Crow Wing	\$15,600.59	Norman	\$3,925.35
Dakota	\$82,028.38	Olmsted	\$31,118.90
Dodge	\$6,577.70	Otter Tail	\$13,950.62
Douglas	\$10,434.27	Pennington	\$5,087.74
Faribault	\$5,279.17	Pine	\$7,827.95
Fillmore	\$6,610.54	Pipestone	\$4,368.86
Freeborn	\$8,104.72	Polk	\$7,655.60
Goodhue	\$11,662.34	Pope	\$4,975.46
Grant	\$3,987.95	Ramsey	\$92,584.73
Hennepin	\$229,237.64	Red Lake	\$3,538.82
Houston	\$6,357.91	Redwood	\$5,405.21
Hubbard	\$6,948.79	Renville	\$5,372.93
Isanti	\$10,427.25	Rice	\$13,775.75
Itasca	\$11,184.03	Rock	\$4,442.40
Jackson	\$4,624.86	Roseau	\$5,468.37
Kanabec	\$5,739.52	Saint Louis	\$39,362.83
Kandiyohi	\$10,136.17	Scott	\$29,698.55
Kittson	\$3,656.44	Sherburne	\$20,442.68
Koochiching	\$4,983.31	Sibley	\$5,534.34
Swift	\$4,440.44	Stearns	\$29,148.66
Todd	\$6,924.09	Steele	\$9,264.31
Traverse	\$3,432.15	Stevens	\$4,341.35
Wabasha	\$6,903.03	Washington	\$53,793.99
Wadena	\$5,203.67	Watonwan	\$4,444.37
Waseca	\$5,987.95	Wilkin	\$3,926.75
		Winona	\$10,984.45
		Wright	\$28,866.27
		Yellow Medicine	\$4,528.02