



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Monday, April 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Elections Modernization Grant from Oregon Secretary of State's Office

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Consideration of Grant Acceptance.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

An Elections Modernization Fund was approved by the Legislature in 2021. The Oregon Secretary of State's office reached out to counties to see what the needs were for funds such as this at the local level. It was determined that the State would help some counties that needed new election equipment, but that each county would be offered a minimum of \$15,000.00.

Some of the conditions of the grant include: Grantee must utilize the Grant Funds on elections equipment and technology needs which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Updating voting machines.
- Purchasing new processing equipment (mail/ballot sorters, scanners purchased for an elections-focused purpose, and related equipment; tabulator upgrades, postmark scanners, keyed locks, and equipment for implemented upgrades).
- Video surveillance equipment, including memory for storage and streaming for observation purposes, and/or other security-related upgrades.
- Ballot drop boxes.
- Software and/or hardware needed for implementation of risk limiting audits and/or ranked choice voting.

BUDGET IMPACTS: The grant funds will be provided to Deschutes County in the beginning of FY23. We will submit a final report to the SOS by the end of FY23 summarizing how the money was spent.

ATTENDANCE: *Steve Dennison, County Clerk*