

# Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resources (VOTER) Funding Agreement

BY AND BETWEEN: CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS  
(Name of City or Township)

420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

(Address of City or Township)

AND: Itasca County, Minnesota, 123 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

On May 24, 2023 the governor of Minnesota signed into law the newly created Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resources (VOTER) fund in accordance with the requirements of [2023 Session Laws, Chapter 62 \(Article 1, Section 43 and Article 4, Section 6\)](#) to provide county governments annual aid payments to help fund election equipment, cybersecurity investments, security-related infrastructure, printing and publication, postage, and staff costs.

Itasca County currently administers all election absentee and mail balloting for all county precincts, and incurs the cost of equipment, hardware and software, cybersecurity, security-related infrastructure, election administration staff costs and training, printing and publication, postage, and all other costs that are directly related to election administration that are utilized by the local units of government within Itasca County.

The City of Grand Rapids does hereby agree that Itasca County will hold the VOTER grant municipal allocation in an Election Funding Account (EFA) for election administration eligible expenses as defined by Minnesota Statute Chapter 62: Article 4, Section 6. Itasca County will use funds from the EFA to cover city/township election eligible expenses and municipalities will no long receive election billings from the county. The municipality will still be financially responsible for stand-alone municipal special elections.

This agreement shall automatically renew each June 30. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing 30 days written notice before any renewal term. This agreement is contingent upon continued funding of VOTER funds by the State of Minnesota.

Adopted this 28th day of October, 2024

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Tasha Connelly, Mayor

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(Itasca County Board Chairman)

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Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

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(Itasca County Auditor/Treasurer)

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City or Township Grand Rapids

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(Itasca County Election Administrator)