



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Steven Anderson/Sharon Hanson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	INFO
Subject:	Consider Authorization to Apply for a Polling Place Accessibility Grant
Background Information:	<p>In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$500,000 “...to improve access to polling places for individuals with disabilities and to provide the same opportunity for access and participation in the electoral process, including privacy and independence, to voters with disabilities as that which exists for voters with no disabilities...”</p> <p>After consultation with a Disability Advisory Council the Secretary of State prioritized needs to best allocate funds and created an application based on the feedback. One requirement of the grant is that the polling location must be owned by the local municipality. Currently the only city owned polling location is the Red Baron Arena and Expo. After consulting with Park and Rec Supervisor Preston Stensrud staff identified three areas of improvement that would qualify for the grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair of sidewalk and curb • Installation of ADA accessible doors; and • Signage <p>The maximum award per jurisdiction was \$20,000. This is a reimbursement grant based on actual costs incurred for work completed or items purchased. Projects and items must be completed or purchased prior to the November 2026 general election.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	Reimbursement of up to \$20,000, with work not to exceed grant amount.
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	To adopt Resolution 25-077 Authorizing Execution of Polling Place Accessibility Grant Application.