



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Steven Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider Resolution to Allow Lyon County to Retain VOTER Account Funds Received in 2023
Background Information:	<p>Minnesota Legislature established a Voting Operations, Technology, and Election Resource (VOTER) Account to which \$1.25 million was to be allocated per year for expenses related to elections. The Office of the Secretary of State will distribute funds to all 87 counties, 20% allocated equally, and 80% based on proportion of registered voters.</p> <p>Counties must distribute funds to cities and townships by Dec. 31 of each year by either an agreed distribution or by the following distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% to county. • 25% to all municipalities and townships. • 25% based on absentee balloting administration responsibility. <p>Funds may be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment • Hardware or software • Cybersecurity • Security-related infrastructure • Capital improvements to improve access to polling places for individuals with disabilities. • Staff costs for election administrators, election judges, and other election officials. • Printing and publication • Postage • Programming • Local match for state or federal funds. • Any other purpose directly related to election administration. <p>Cities receiving funds from this account must segregate the funds into an election funding account and report to their respective county or counties on how the funds were spent by Dec. 15 annually. In July of 2023 Lyon County received \$6,934.47 of which approximately \$56 would be allocated to the City of Marshall. Lyon County has requested that the \$56 be retained by them to fund a new DS200 Ballot Counter to replace one that is being decommissioned.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	\$0.00 or \$56.00
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	To approve the resolution allowing Lyon County to retain the City of Marshall's 2023 portion of VOTER Account Funds from the MN Secretary of States Office.