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TO: County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Brian J. Anderson, Goodhue County Auditor/Treasurer  
SUBJECT: 2022 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant Application  
DATE: January 18, 2022

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### **BACKGROUND**

During the 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, the Minnesota Legislature, via Chapter 12, Article 1, Sec. 41, directed the distribution of \$3 million from federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) appropriations as grants to political subdivision. These funds must be used to improve accessibility to implement security improvements for elections systems for, and/or fund other activities to improve the security of, federal elections

### **DISCUSSION**

Certain prerequisites must be completed or scheduled to be completed by the grant application due date of January 31, 2022. Those prerequisites are as follows:

- Complete the Nationwide Cyber Security Review (NCSR)
- Schedule a Virtual Service Review (VSR) with Elections Infrastructure – Info Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)
- Schedule a virtual discussion with MN.IT SOC Cyber Navigator to discuss the Statewide Security Monitoring Initiative (SSMI) and other MN.IT security support available to Minnesota counties
- Complete OSS Election Security/Network Defense Capabilities Questionnaire
- Complete EI-ISAC's Election Infrastructure Assessment Tool or complete CISA's Election Risk Profile Tool
- Complete two of the following
  - Vulnerability Scanning
  - Web Application Scanning
  - Phishing Campaign Assessment
  - Remote Penetration Test

Upon completion, Goodhue County would initially be eligible for the maximum of \$30,590.59.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the board accept the 2022 HAVA grant application by approving the attached resolution.

## **A RESOLUTION**

Approving Goodhue County's application for 2022 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant.

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties are responsible for administering elections, which includes implementing security improvements for elections systems, and other activities to improve the security of federal elections; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Minnesota Legislature authorized \$3 million for the Help America Voter Act appropriations to assist counties with making security improvements to the election infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, to receive funding from the Help America Vote Act Grant, counties must submit an application to the Minnesota Secretary of State before January 31, 2022; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Goodhue County approves its application for funding from the Help America Vote Act Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County certifies that any funds awarded from the Help America Vote Act Grant will be used to implement security improvements for elections systems or any other activities to improve the security of federal elections that are approved by the Secretary of State.



# Goodhue County Grant Form

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## Grant Information

**Grant Award: \$30,590.59 (Maximum)**  
**Name of Grant: Help America Vote Act**  
**Sponsoring Agency: Minnesota Secretary of State**  
**Grant Period: 3/18/2022 – 11/8/2022**

## Department Information

**Department: Finance & Taxpayer Services**  
**Primary Contact Person: Brian Anderson**  
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## **Purpose:**

**Improve accessibility to implement security improvements for election systems for, and/or fund other activities to improve the security of, federal elections.**

**MN OSS interprets the statutory language to extend to wider IT / network / and physical security and accessibility improvements and enhancements to county environments (virtual and physical), so long as elections functions are covered.**

## **Restrictions:**

**Funds are expected to be used in advance of the 2022 November State General Election.**

Reimbursement    Payment up front    Match (\$ or in-kind)

**Website Address:**

**CFDA # (if Federal Grant): N/A**

**Date sent to Administration: January 12, 2022**

**Board Approval Date (for office use only): \_\_\_\_\_**