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TO: County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Brian J. Anderson, Goodhue County Auditor/Treasurer  
SUBJECT: 2022 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Phase 2 Grant Application  
DATE: September 20, 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

On August 31<sup>st</sup> the state announced a Phase 2 to distribute all remaining 2022 funds (approximately \$304,300 of the original \$3 million) to participating counties.

### **DISCUSSION**

Certain prerequisites must be completed or scheduled to be completed by the grant application due date of September 30, 2022. Goodhue County participated in Phase 1 and was awarded Phase 1 dollars earlier this year. We are only required to complete the Phase 2 application and its minimal requirements.

While the exact Phase 2 amount per county cannot be determined until all applications are received, the estimated amount per county is approximately \$4,000.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the board accept the 2022 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Phase 2 Grant by approving the attached resolution.

**A RESOLUTION**

Approving Goodhue County’s application for 2022 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Phase 2 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 September 30, 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 Phase 2 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.

State of Minnesota  
County of Goodhue

I, Scott Arneson, duly appointed, qualified and County Administrator of the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota at their session held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Anderson Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Greseth Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Majerus Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Betcher Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Flanders Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Witness my hand and official seal at Red Wing, Minnesota, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

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Scott Arneson  
County Administrator



# Goodhue County Grant Form

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## Grant Information

**Grant Award: \$4,000.00 (Estimated)**  
**Name of Grant: Help America Vote Act Phase 2**  
**Sponsoring Agency: Minnesota Secretary of State**  
**Grant Period: To be used in advance of future elections**

## Department Information

**Department: Finance & Taxpayer Services**  
**Primary Contact Person: Brian Anderson**  
**Phone number: 651-385-3043**

## **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 future Minnesota Elections.**

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

**Website Address:**

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

**Date sent to Administration: September 20, 2022**

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