Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes the City Clerk's office to participate in the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions and amends the agency's 2023 operating budget to accept a $130 grant to be used for membership dues.

Title

Authorizing the City Clerk's Office to participate in the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions, and to accept a $130 grant for membership dues. Amending the 2023 Adopted Operating Budget to increase the Clerk's Office purchased services budget by $130.

Body

WHEREAS, elections administration has become increasingly complex; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Clerk's Office does not have an opportunity to interact with election administrators from similarly-sized municipalities within the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions has been created to connect election administrators with similarly-sized peer jurisdictions to exchange ideas and best practices; and

WHEREAS, the organizational core principles of the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions are that election administration should be innovative and continuously modernizing; centered on optimizing the voter experience; focused on facilitating participation by all eligible voters; properly resourced, staffed, equipped, and funded; conducting elections accurately, securely, and impartially; generating transparent and verifiable election results; and responsive to the community overall; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions is non-partisan and committed to never attempt to influence the outcome of any election; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions has scholarship funds available to cover the $130 annual membership dues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk's Office be authorized to participate in the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison accepts the $130 grant for 2023 membership dues; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to execute agreements as needed with the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions to accept membership and the associated grant for membership dues.