



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes the City Clerk's Office to apply for and accept two subgrants from the Wisconsin Elections Commission. Under the proposed subgrants, the City of Madison is eligible to receive \$750 towards the purchase of an ExpressVote accessible voting device and \$29,373.88 toward printing redesigned absentee ballot envelopes in 2023. If the grants are awarded, the Clerk's 2023 Adopted Operating Budget will increase by \$30,123.88 to accept grant funds for the voting device and absentee ballot envelopes. No additional appropriation is required.

Title

Authorizing the City Clerk's Office to apply for and accept a 2023 Accessible Voting Equipment subgrant and a 2023 Absentee Ballot Envelope subgrant from the Wisconsin Elections Commission, and amending the 2023 Adopted Operating Budget to increase the City Clerk's Office election supplies budget by \$750 and to increase the City Clerk's Office printing budget by \$29,373.88.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has a proud history of fair and transparent elections; and

WHEREAS, the Madison City Clerk's Office is committed to the never-ending goal that each eligible voter will be able to cast a ballot, and have that ballot counted; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office has identified a need for additional ExpressVote accessible voting devices at the polls; and

WHEREAS, all Wisconsin municipalities will be required to print newly redesigned absentee ballot certificate envelopes and absentee ballot mailing envelopes for the 2024 elections; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Elections Commission has approved the allocation of funds for subgrant programs to offset municipal costs for purchasing accessible election equipment and new absentee envelopes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison authorizes the City Clerk's Office to apply for and accept a 2023 Accessible Voting Equipment subgrant from the Wisconsin Elections Commission for the purpose of purchasing an ExpressVote accessible voting device; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison authorizes the City Clerk's Office to apply for and accept a 2023 Absentee Ballot Envelope subgrant from the Wisconsin Elections Commission for the purpose of printing redesigned absentee ballot envelopes once the new design is approved by the Wisconsin Elections Commission on August 4, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison 2023 Adopted Operating Budget for the City Clerk's Office be amended to increase the election supplies budget by \$750 and to increase the printing budget by \$29,373.88; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute grant agreements as needed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission to accept these subgrants.

