BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER Colorado Election Security Act Grant February 21, 2023

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Issue: The Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office Elections Division seeks approval to apply for and, if awarded accept additional Colorado Election Security Act ("CESA") grant funds in an amount up to from the Colorado Department of State ("CDOS") potentially a maximum of \$111,500.

Background: Pursuant to SB22-153, the Colorado General Assembly adopted increased internal security measures for election officials statewide, including new video surveillance requirements for voting system components, in order to ensure that Colorado elections continue to be protected from those who seek to compromise their security. This same law made grant funding available to local election officials to help defray the costs of these additional security measures.

Discussion: In 2022, the Elections Division applied for and was awarded \$24,500 in CESA grant funds from CDOS. CDOS has indicated that additional CESA funds are available, the Elections Division would now like to apply for and, if awarded, accept up to \$111,5000 in new CESA grant funds to help cover the cost of the video security surveillance and other security solutions purchased by the Elections Division.

Fiscal Impact:

Year of impact: 2023TABOR impact: Yes

• Existing grant or project: None

New grant or project: Yes

 Requested in adopted budget: No – will be additional grant funding in addition to Adopted 2023 budget

Ongoing or one-time: One-Time

• General Fund impact: None

Staffing impact: NoneARPA impact: None

Match requirements: None

Mandate/Contractual obligation: N/A

Revenue Limits Impact: X yes □no

CESA funds are State funds that are subject to the County's TABOR fiscal limit.

SPA Review: Support, Concerns

This grant may have a substantive TABOR impact, however as JeffCo is still awaiting final 2022 revenue and CPI figures, it is not currently possible to predict the size of the 2023 impact.

Facilities Review: No Fiscal Impact

BIT Review: No Fiscal Impact

Fleet Review: N/A

Human Resources Review (new FTE only): N/A

Recommendations: That the Board of County Commissioners approves the Clerk and Recorder Elections Division's to apply for and, if awarded accept up to \$115,000 in additional Colorado Election Security Act grant from the Colorado Department of State and directs that any additional funds received be included in a supplemental appropriation to the Clerk and Recorder's budget.

Originator: Craig Johnson

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER ImageCast X Printer Grant February 21, 2023

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Issue: The Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office Elections Division seeks approval to apply for and accept a Democracy Suite ICX Printer Reimbursement grant from the Colorado Department of State ("CDOS") in the amount of \$100,000. The grant will cover 71.43% of the cost of the printers.

Background: CDOS has made available a grant to counties that use the Dominion Democracy Suite voting system to reimburse the counties for a portion of the cost of purchasing new HP M404dn printers. Counties who acquire the new HP M404dn printers(s) for use with their Dominion ImageCast X (ICX) ballot marking device provide flexibility when using the uniform ballot option. The uniform ballot functionality removes the QR code from ICX ballots and instead produces an ICX ballot that looks the same as mail ballots. Use of the uniform ballot requires additional space for ballot content and a potential increase in ballot card size, especially for Federal Elections. Acquisition of the new printers will give counties the option to use ballot cards larger than 14 inches.

Discussion: The Elections Division has purchased 162 HP M404dn printers and would like to apply for this grant in order to help cover a portion of the cost of the printers. The Elections Division would apply for approximately \$100,000 in grant funds.

Fiscal Impact:

- Year of impact: 2023TABOR impact: Yes
- Existing grant or project: None
- New grant or project: Yes
- Requested in adopted budget: No will be additional grant funding in addition to Adopted 2023 budget
- Ongoing or one-time: One-Time
- General Fund impact: None
- Staffing impact: NoneARPA impact: None
- Match requirements: None
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: N/A

Revenue Limits Impact: X yes □no

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SPA Review: Support, Concerns

This grant may have a substantive TABOR impact, however as JeffCo is still awaiting final 2022 revenue and CPI figures, it is not currently possible to predict the size of the 2023 impact.

Facilities Review: No Fiscal Impact

BIT Review: No Fiscal Impact

Fleet Review: N/A

Human Resources Review (new FTE only): N/A

Recommendations: That the Board of County Commissioners approves the Clerk and Recorder Elections Division's application and acceptance of a \$100,000 Democracy Suite ICX Printer Reimbursement grant from the Colorado Department of State.

Originator: Craig Johnson

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