



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Steve Simon
March 15, 2025

The Honorable Senator Jim Carlson
The Honorable Senator Mark Koran
The Honorable Senator Tou Xiong
The Honorable Senator Andrew Lang
The Honorable Senator John Marty
The Honorable Senator Eric Pratt

The Honorable Representative Mike Freiberg
The Honorable Representative Duane Quam
The Honorable Representative Ginny Klevorn
The Honorable Representative Jim Nash
The Honorable Representative Paul Torkelson
The Honorable Representative Zack Stephenson

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Minnesota statutes, section 5.38 provides in part:

The secretary of state may enter into agreements with a local governmental unit to provide a technological service or project to enhance the state's election system. The secretary of state and the local governmental unit shall agree to the amount of consideration to be paid under the agreement. In addition, the secretary of state may accept federal funds for election purposes.

The Office of the Secretary of State is required to report by each January 15 "the total amounts received in the preceding calendar year, the sources of those funds, and the uses to which those funds were or will be put." Minn. Stat. § 5.38.

As required by section 5.38, the Office of the Secretary of State reports that it received \$1,000,000 in federal funds from the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law No: 118-47), authorized under Title I, Section 101, of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. These funds were deposited and are currently accruing interest in the HAVA account established in Minn. Stat. § 5.30, subd. 1.

These funds will be used for election purposes consistent with the requirements found in Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law No: 118-47), which states that the purpose of this award is to "improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements to the systems, equipment and processes used in federal elections." The Office's intended use for the funds includes modernization of the Statewide Voter Registration System, supporting cybersecurity on Office

operated systems, and continuing the Security Navigator program which supports county election officials.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Freeman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

NICOLE FREEMAN
Government Relations Director

cc: Legislative Reference Library