

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

WHO AGREE TO THE STATUTORY EXPENDITURE LIMITS (PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES)

Public Financing - Candidates who agree to statutory spending limits may be eligible to receive public financing from the State Election Campaign Fund.

Expenditure Limit Increases - Candidates who agree to statutory spending limits expenditure limit would increase to the highest amount declared by an opponent in the Statement of Maximum Expenditures: Primary Election Campaign, Form CPFA 21, or the Statement of Maximum Expenditures: General Election Campaign, Form CPFA 22, filed by opposing non-participating candidates.

IMPORTANT: Any candidate who exceeds an expenditure limit is subject to the penalties provided for in M.G.L. c. 55C, s. 1A(e).

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WHO DO NOT AGREE TO STATUTORY EXPENDITURE LIMITS (NON-PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES)

Public Financing - Non-participating candidates will **NOT** be eligible to receive public financing from the State Election Campaign Fund in either the primary or general election campaign.

Statement of Non-participating Candidate - A non-participating candidate who is opposed by a participating candidate must file a Form CPFA 21 (Primary Election Campaign) or Form CPFA 22 (General Election Campaign):

1. On or before the last day for filing withdrawals of nominations **for** the primary election if opposed at the primary election by a participating candidate, and
2. On or before the last day for filing withdrawals of nominations **made at** the primary election if such candidate or candidate team is opposed at the general election by a participating candidate or candidate team.

Expenditure Limit Increases - A non-participating candidate's expenditure limit would increase to the highest amount declared in a statement of maximum expenditures for the primary or general election campaign filed by opposing non-participating candidates, if any.

IMPORTANT: By law, the name of any non-participating candidate (if such candidate is opposed by a participating candidate) will not appear on the primary or general election ballots if such candidate does not file a Statement of Maximum Expenditures for primary or general election campaign by 5:00 p.m. on the day for filing withdrawals for that candidate in the primary/general election.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATE TEAMS

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN)

Participating candidate teams - A candidate team is a **participating candidate team** and may be eligible to receive public financing in the general election **ONLY** if **BOTH** the candidate for governor **AND** the candidate for lieutenant governor of the candidate team have agreed to the statutory expenditure limits for **BOTH** the primary and the general election campaigns.

Non-participating candidate teams - A candidate team is a **non-participating candidate team** and ineligible for public funding if **EITHER** the candidate for governor **OR** lieutenant governor of such team did **NOT** agree to statutory expenditure limits.

Statement of non-participating candidate team - A non-participating candidate team who is opposed by a participating candidate team must file a Statement of Maximum Expenditures: General Election Campaign, Form CPFA 22T, on or before the deadline for filing withdrawals of nominations made at the primary election.

IMPORTANT: By law, the names of a non-participating candidate team that does not file a Statement of Maximum Expenditures: General Election Campaign by 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026 and which is opposed by a participating candidate team will not appear on the general election ballots.

Deposit of public funds - public funds allocated to a participating candidate team will be credited to the gubernatorial candidates account.

IMPORTANT: Candidates for Governor And Lieutenant Governor who exceed that Candidate Team's Expenditure Limit may be subject to the penalties provided for in M.G.L. c. 55C, s. 1A(e).

INFORMATION FOR ALL CANDIDATES AND CANDIDATE TEAMS

Primary Election Campaign - The expenditure limit for the primary election campaign commences on the day after the last day for filing nomination papers with the Secretary of State and concludes on the day of the primary election.

General Election Campaign - The expenditure limit for the general election campaign begins the day after the primary election and concludes on the day of the general election. In the case of an unenrolled candidate the general election campaign begins the day following the last day for filing nomination papers with the Secretary of State.

Prepaid and Exempt Expenditures - Certain prepaid expenditures and inventories on hand at the start of the primary or general election campaign are included in the campaign expenditure limits. Other expenditures made may be exempt from the campaign expenditure limit.

Please contact OCPF for further details.

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