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Local party committees spend $214,544 in run-up to the election

Local party committees, which operate on the municipal level to support candidates and their platforms, spent $214,544 in the weeks before the Nov. 3 state election, according to 284 reports filed.

The pre-election period of Aug. 15 through Oct. 16 saw activity from 177 Democratic party committees and 107 on the Republican side.

Democratic party committees spent $106,428 in the pre-election period, according to reports filed. For the year, they reported spending $316,419.

The 107 **Republican party committees** reported spending $108,116 in the pre-election period, and $242,125 total for the year.

Combined, Democratic and Republican party committees spent $558,545 since Jan. 1.

Local party committees are elected every four years at the presidential primary election and then organize. All committees from the same party can accept up to $5,000 in total from individuals each year. They can also contribute up to $1,000 per candidate per year, and can make unlimited in-kind contributions to support candidates.

The top party committees from each side of the aisle that spent the most money from Jan. 1 through Oct. 16 are Sutton for the Republicans ($34,729) and Somerset for the Democrats ($10,698).

Some party committees may not have filed their pre-election reports by the Oct. 26 deadline, so the total may change with time. Any spending that occurs from Oct. 17 through Dec. 31 will appear on year-end reports filed by Jan. 20, 2027.

The Office of Campaign and Political Finance is an independent state agency that administers the Massachusetts campaign finance law. Reports are available at the agency website at www.ocpf.us.

Top 10 lists follow:

Top 10 Democratic Party Committees

Expenditures During the Pre-Election Period (8/15/26 – 10/16/26)

Party	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Brockton	$5,661	$8,799
Somerset	$4,800	$4,648
Needham	$4,534	$1,662
Norwell	$3,917	$490
Melrose	$3,487	$2,102
Falmouth	$3,115	$2,400
Boston Ward 4	$2,883	$3,543
Yarmouth	$2,644	$3,378
South Hadley	$2,564	$2,279
Haverhill	$2,529	$3,244

Top 10 Republican Party Committees

Expenditures During the Pre-Election Period (8/15/26 – 10/16/26)

Local Party	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Sutton	$16,788	$54,356
Bourne	$15,606	$3,250
Billerica	$7,607	$5,136
Winchester	$5,979	$8,704
Andover	$4,983	$5,851
Scituate	$4,278	$211
Cohasset	$3,657	$2,422
North Andover	$3,500	$3,284
Haverhill	$2,772	$1,551
Pembroke	$2,443	$1,225