



# Campaign Finance Information – WECF Grant Awards and Disbursements

## DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT

The maximum amount of a grant given to a candidate is established by state statute. This amount is the same as the cumulative committee contribution limit applicable to the candidate. The specific amount for each office is shown in the table below.

When there is not sufficient money in the WECF to provide the maximum size grant for all candidates for the same office, the money is prorated among the eligible candidates. The exact amount of the grants is determined by dividing the number of eligible candidates into the amount of money available in the WECF account for that office. When prorating is necessary, the amount of the grant is not known until seven days after the primary. Candidates have up until that date to withdraw applications for grants.

### THESE LIMITS APPLY TO ALL CANDIDATES AND PERSONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES.

Contribution limitations apply cumulatively to the entire primary and election campaign in which the candidate participates, whether or not there is a contested primary election.

Office	Individual Contribution Limit	Single Committee Contribution Limit (1)	45% LIMIT Total Contributions From All Committees Except Political Party Committees (2)	65% LIMIT Total Contributions From All Committees Including Political Party Committees (3)
GOVERNOR	\$10,000	\$43,128	\$485,190	\$700,830
LT. GOVERNOR	10,000	12,939	145,564	210,259
ATTY. GENERAL	10,000	21,560	242,550	350,350
STATE TREASURER	10,000	8,625	97,031	140,156
SECRETARY OF STATE	10,000	8,625	97,031	140,156
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	10,000	8,625	97,031	140,156
STATE SENATE	1,000	1,000	15,525	22,425
STATE ASSEMBLY	500	500	7,763	11,213

## CERTIFICATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS

After the fall primary election, the Government Accountability Board reviews each applicant's status. If the candidate has won the primary with at least 6% of the vote, has received the threshold amount of individual contributions of \$100 or less, and has an opponent in the election, the application for grant funds is approved. The staff also audits the reported special interest contributions to determine the amount of grant the candidate is eligible to receive.

The Board staff certifies the candidates who are to receive a grant and the amount to the State Treasurer, as soon as possible after the spring or September primary, but no later than the first Tuesday in March or the fourth Tuesday in September. The state treasurer mails a check made out to the candidate's campaign committee no later than three business days following certification by the Board.



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The Board staff informs candidates whose applications are approved of the amount of the grant they are entitled to receive. Candidates whose applications are not approved are informed of the reason by the Board staff. Receipt of the grant is reported in Schedule 1 B (Contributions from Committees) of the candidate's pre-election campaign finance report.

A candidate whose application is not approved, and who disputes the basis for the denial, may request the Board to review the staff decision. Candidates must contact the Board within three days of the date of the staff notification to have their appeals considered.