



Campaign Finance Information – WECF Grant Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a grant from the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund (WECF), a person must:

1. **Be a candidate for statewide or legislative office.** Statewide and legislative offices are; governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state treasurer, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, state senator and representative to the assembly.
2. **File an application for a WECF grant** (GAB-23) with the Government Accountability Board no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers. With this application, the candidate agrees to comply with the self-contribution limit and the campaign expenditure limits contained in Chapter 11, Wis. Statutes that are included in the table below.

PUBLIC FUNDING LIMITS

THESE LIMITS APPLY ONLY TO CANDIDATES WHO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT
FROM THE WISCONSIN ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

Office	Total Spending Limit	Candidate Self Contribution Limit	Amount of Individual Contributions of \$100 or Less Necessary to Qualify	Maximum Size of Grant
GOVERNOR	\$1,078,200	\$20,000	\$53,910	\$485,190
LT. GOVERNOR	323,475	20,000	16,174	145,564
ATTY. GENERAL	539,100	20,000	26,955	242,595
STATE TREASURER	215,625	20,000	10,781	97,031
SECRETARY OF STATE	215,625	20,000	10,781	97,031
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	215,625	20,000	10,781	97,031

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Office	Primary Spending Limit	Election Spending Limit	Total Spending Limit	Candidate Self Contribution Limit	Amount of Individual Contributions of \$100 or Less Necessary to Qualify	Maximum Size of Grant
STATE SENATE	\$21,575	\$21,575	\$34,500	\$2,000	\$3,450	\$15,525
STATE ASSEMBLY	10,775	10,775	17,250	1,000	1,725	7,763



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3. **Report the receipt of qualifying individual contributions.** The candidate must demonstrate receipt of the appropriate threshold of individual contributions of \$100 or less by itemizing these contributions in Schedule 1 A (Contributions Including Loans from Individuals) of the campaign finance report. The contributions from individuals must be itemized with the name and full address of the individual contributor, even if the contributor gave \$20 or less. If an individual gives more than \$100 to a candidate, the first \$100 may be applied to the qualifying amount. A loan from an individual or an in-kind contribution does not count towards the qualifying threshold. A candidate and the candidate's spouse may each contribute \$100 from personal funds towards the threshold.

For a partisan election, qualifying contributions must be raised between January 1 preceding the election and the date of the primary election. For the nonpartisan spring election for state superintendent of public instruction, qualifying contributions must be raised between July 1 preceding the spring election and the date of the spring primary. For special elections, qualifying contributions must be raised in the 90-day period before the date of the special primary.

The qualifying threshold for each office is shown in the table in above.

4. **Win the primary with at least 6% of the total vote.** A candidate for partisan office at a general election must receive at least 6% of the total votes cast for the office in the partisan primary and must win the primary election. A candidate for partisan office at a special election and a candidate for nonpartisan office at a spring election are not required to meet this vote threshold. See s.I1.50(1)(a), Wis. Stats.

5. **Be opposed in the election.** The candidate must have an opponent certified to appear on the election ballot as a candidate for the same office.

6. **Fulfill all campaign finance reporting requirements.** The candidate must file campaign finance reports within statutory deadlines. This includes filing a supplemental report, if necessary, within seven days after the primary. If the pre-primary report has not listed sufficient individual contributions of \$100 or less to meet the qualifying threshold. The reports must demonstrate that the candidate is in compliance with the self-contribution limit, committee contribution limits and spending limits.