



Overall Requirements for Campaign Finance

For all candidates who do not opt in to the City's public funding program

Special Requirements for Public Funding of Campaigns

Only for candidates who opt in to the City's public funding program

What are Acceptable Contributions?

Candidate does not collect public funds for campaigning

- Enforced by the City Auditor's Office
- \$508 limit per contributor per election cycle (see election cycle information below)
- Contributions only allowed from political committees and individuals; NO contributions allowed from businesses or other organizations
- In-kind contribution exceptions only for rooms, phones, and internet access
- NO exceptions for seed money contributions

[City Code 2.10.010](#)

Candidate receives matching funds for contribution portions up to a specific level

- Enforced by the Small Donor Elections Program
- May accept \$250 per contributor for the primary and an additional \$250 per contributor for the general election
- May separately accept a limited amount of in-kind contributions for the primary and general elections
- May accept up to \$5,000 in total seed money from any type of donor

[City Code 2.16.040](#)

When is the Election Cycle?

For incumbents

From certification of election to office until next time that office is certified as elected

For all other candidates

From date of qualification as a candidate as defined in ORS 260.005(1) until certification of election results

[City Code 2.10.080 H.; ARA 13.02\(C\)](#)

Primary Election Period for Contributions

From 45th day after previous biennial election until 8 p.m. on election night

General Election Period for Contributions

From the day after the Primary Election Period until the day of the biennial general election

For Disclosures and All Other Purposes

See election cycle descriptions to the left

[City Code 2.16.010 J.](#)

What Info is Required on Communications?

Requirements for everyone

- List the name of the entity or PAC paying to present the communication

Additional requirements if spending at least \$1,016 on political communications

- Applies to communications supporting or opposing a candidate, measure, or political party
- List top five donors contributing above \$1,016 during an election cycle, excluding funding from City's matching funds program
- For each donor listed, include main sources of income over the last five years
- If any of the top five donors is a PAC or nonprofit, list its top three funders

Enforced by City Auditor

[City Code 2.10.030; ARA 13.04](#)

