SMALL DONOR ELECTIONS PORTLAND

2026 Election Cycle Dates & Deadlines

January 1, 2025	2026 election cycle begins	Candidates who plan to participate begin following program rules
July 1, 2025	First day to file Notice of Intent	Candidates may file notice of intent to participate
January 2, 2026	First day candidates can apply for certification	Candidates may apply for program certification
June 3, 2026	Ballot filing period begins	Candidates may file to run for office
July 1, 2026	Mandatory training deadline	Deadline for candidates and treasurers to take mandatory training
July 20, 2026	Notice of Intent deadline	Last day to file a Notice of Intent to participate in the program
July 28, 2026	Certification application deadline	Last day to apply for certification in the program
August 25, 2026	Ballot filing period ends	Last day for candidates to file to run for office
October 13, 2026	Deadline for qualify for higher matching tiers	Last day to collect matchable contributions that count toward higher tiers
October 22, 2026	Matching ends	Last day to collect matchable contributions
12pm on October 23, 2026	Optional: report last matchable contributions	Deadline to report matchable contributions for payment the following week
November 3, 2026	Election day	The 2026 city election
December 31, 2026	Last day of election cycle	Program rules must be followed through this date
December 31, 2026	Deadline to return unspent public funds	All unspent matching funds must be returned by this date

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