2026 Election Cycle: Small Donor Elections Match Rate & Contribution Limits

Match Rate

The match rate is 10-to-1 on the first $25 per contributor, per candidate, regardless of whether it is contributed all at once or through multiple contributions. Only contributions of $5 or more count toward certification. Contributions from participating candidates are matchable, but do not count toward certification or tiers.

Contribution	Match	Campaign Total
$1	$10	$11
$5	$50	$55
$10	$100	$110
$25	$250	$275
$5 then $5 then $5 then $5 then $5	$250	$275
$100	$250	$350

Contribution Limits

The seed money limit for the 2026 election cycle is $875 per contributor. The table below shows all program limits.

Individual	Small Donor Political Committees[1]	501c4, 501c5, 501c6 organizations and political committees	Other legal sources[2]
$875 seed money[3]	**$875** seed money[3]	**$875** seed money[3]	**$875** seed money[3]
+	**+**		
$350 monetary, in-kind, or a combination	**$350** monetary	**+**	
	+		
	$10,000 directly-provided[4] in-kinds	**$10,000** directly-provided[4] Democracy Building Activities[5]	

[1] *A 501c4, 501c5, or 501c6 organization or political committee, 90% of the funding of which is from individuals who contribute $250 or less per year.*
[2] *Any source legal under federal and state law.*
[3] *Up to the total limit of $5,000 seed money per campaign.*
[4] *Exception: up to $5,000 of goods and services that increase accessibility or language inclusivity may be indirectly provided (e.g. pay a campaign bill).*
[5] *Democracy Building Activities are defined in Section 3(F) of the program's Administrative Rules.*