# Lunch and Learn: Finding What You Need from MD SBE

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#### Welcome to Lunch and Learn

- A service provided by the MD State Board of Elections (SBE) and the Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) to assist candidates, their advocates and the citizens of Maryland on how to operate as a public finance (PF) candidate.
  - Twice monthly program
  - Understand the rules of PF and how they differ from a traditional / regular candidate committee.
  - Understand the mechanics of reporting your transactions into MD Campaign Reporting Information System (CRIS).



#### Latest PF Information As of 9/12/25

- 71% of all Maryland residents have the potential to support a PF candidate for County office.
- 125 PF filed candidates since 2018, includes 3 for Governor.
- In 2018, we had 40 PF committees of which 23 qualified and 5 maxed out.
- In 2022, we had 39 PF committees of which 25 qualified and 7 maxed out.
- o In 2024, we had 8 PF committees of which 4 qualified and 1 maxed out.
- There are 37 PF committees active for the 2026 election cycle.
  - 2 PF committees have already qualified. (Howard and Montgomery)
  - PF cmtes. by county: 19 in Montgomery; 9 in Howard; 6 in Baltimore Co;
     2 in Prince George's; and 1 in Anne Arundel.

#### FY2026 Funding Levels By County

County Funding Level

Anne Arundel \$1,250,000

Baltimore Co \$2,650,000

Howard \$2,680,000

Montgomery \$4,910,000

Prince George's \$800,000

 Most of the counties have a proposed budget in FY2027 (Spring of 2026) to provide additional funding for the general election and beyond.

#### What We Have Covered Previously

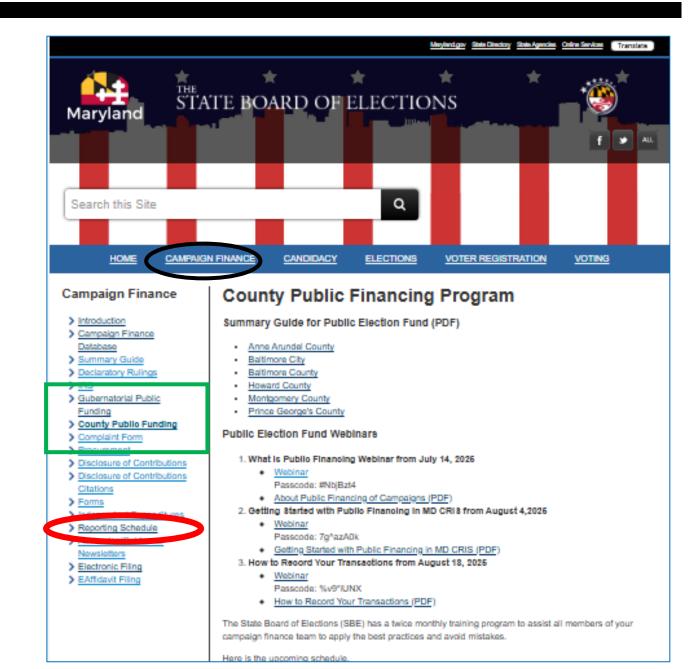
- Understanding Public Finance (PF) of Elections
  - Different types of Public Finance Programs
- How To Get Started in MD CRIS
  - Steps to be Recognized as a PF candidate
- How To Record Your Transactions in MD CRIS
  - Enter basic transactions into the program



# Where To Find The Previous Recordings

**Gubernatorial Public Funding** 

County Public Funding





## **Looking at Previous Recordings**

#### Public Election Fund Webinars

- 1. What is Public Financing Webinar from July 14, 2025
  - Webinar

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- About Public Financing of Campaigns (PDF)
- 2. Getting Started with Public Financing in MD CRIS from August 4,2025
  - Webinar

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- Getting Started with Public Financing in MD CRIS (PDF)
- 3. How to Record Your Transactions from August 18, 2025
  - Webinar

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How to Record Your Transactions (PDF)



# Upcoming Schedule

The State Board of Elections (SBE) has a twice monthly training program to assist all members of your campaign finance team to apply the best practices and avoid mistakes.

Here is the upcoming schedule.

Date	Time	Subject
Mon Sep 15	Noon	'Finding What You Need from MD SBE' & 'Is my Contribution Card correct?'
Mon Oct 06	Noon	'Bulk Uploads', 'Recording & Linking Receipts'
Mon Oct 20	Noon	'Submitting My Initial Matching Fund Report'
Mon Nov 03	Noon	'Troubleshooting Common PF Issues'
Mon Nov 17	Noon	'Welcome to the new MD CRIS'
Mon Dec 01	Noon	'New MD CRIS: How to Add / Amend Transaction'
Mon Dec 15	Noon	'New MD CRIS: How to Link / Review Data'
Mon Jan 05	Noon	'New MD CRIS: How to File Your Submissions'
Mon Jan 19	Noon	'Handling Your 1st Required Report'

The Lunch and Learn program is free and open to the public. MD SBE designed this educational program to assist candidates who are using PF to follow state and county election laws and regulations. We at the SBE are here to help.

RSVP here (long form down below)



https://elections.maryland.gov/campaign\_finance/County\_public.html

# State Law Regarding Public Funding for County Offices



#### Summary of Public Campaign Financing Laws

#### ELECTION LAW TITLE 13. CAMPAIGN FINANCE SUBTITLE 5. LOCAL PROVISIONS

Md. Election Law Code Ann. § 13-505 (2017)

- 13-505. System of public campaign financing.
- (a) County may establish system of public campaign financing for elective offices. --
- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the governing body of a county may establish, by law, a system of public campaign financing for elective offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government.
- (2) When establishing a system of public campaign financing for elective offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government, the governing body of a county shall specify the criteria that is to be used to determine whether an individual is eligible for public campaign financing.
- (b) Requirements. A system of public campaign financing enacted under subsection (a) of this section:
- (1) shall provide for participation of candidates in public campaign financing on a strictly voluntary basis;
- (2) may not regulate candidates who choose not to participate in public campaign financing;
- (3) shall prohibit the use of public campaign financing for any campaign except a campaign for county elective office:
- (4) shall require a candidate who accepts public campaign financing to:
- (i) establish a campaign finance entity solely for the campaign for county elective office; and
- (ii) use funds from that campaign finance entity only for the campaign for county elective office;
- (5) shall prohibit a candidate who accepts public campaign financing from transferring funds:
- (i) to the campaign finance entity established to finance the campaign for county elective office from any other campaign finance entity established for the candidate; and
- (ii) from the campaign finance entity established to finance the campaign for county elective office to any other campaign finance entity;
- (6) shall provide for a public election fund for county elective offices that is administered by the chief financial officer of the county; and
- (7) shall be subject to regulation and oversight by the State Board to ensure conformity with State law and policy to the extent practicable.
- (c) More stringent regulation of campaign finance activity than provided by State law; administrative penalties. — A system of public campaign financing enacted under subsection (a) of this section may:
- (1) provide for more stringent regulation of campaign finance activity by candidates who choose to accept

# Helpful Links to Register Your Campaign and Find Committees

(2) provide for administrative penalties for violations, in accordance with Article 25A, § 5 of the Code.

View county public financing committees

Establish a county public financing committee

Public Financing Reporting

The Public Financing Reporting Schedule (PDF) list the transaction periods and due dates for all of the public images reports due for Manigoniary and Howard County Gubernatorial designated candidates.



## More Resources From The Participating

**Counties and City** 

#### Public Financing Reporting

The Public Financing Reporting Schedule (PDF) lists the transaction periods and due dates for all of the public finance reports due for Montgomery and Howard County Gubernatorial designated candidates.

#### Montgomery County Public Campaign Financing Program

- Montgomery County Public Election Fund
- Law (PDF)
- Amendments to Law (PDF)
- Regulations (PDF)
- FAQ Document (PDF)

#### Howard County Public Campaign Financing Program

- Howard County Citizens' Election Fund Website
- Law (PDF)
- Rules of Procedure (PDF)
- FAQs (PDF)
- CEF Training Seminar from July 2021 (PDF)

#### Prince George's County Public Campaign Financing Program

Law (PDF)

#### Baltimore City's County Public Campaign Financing Program

- Baltimore City Fair Election Fund Website
- Law (PDF)
- FAQs (PDF)

#### Sample Forms

- County Contribution Cards (PDF)
- In-kind contribution forms (PDF)



## Surfing with the SBE

 Do you want to know who has filed for public financing?





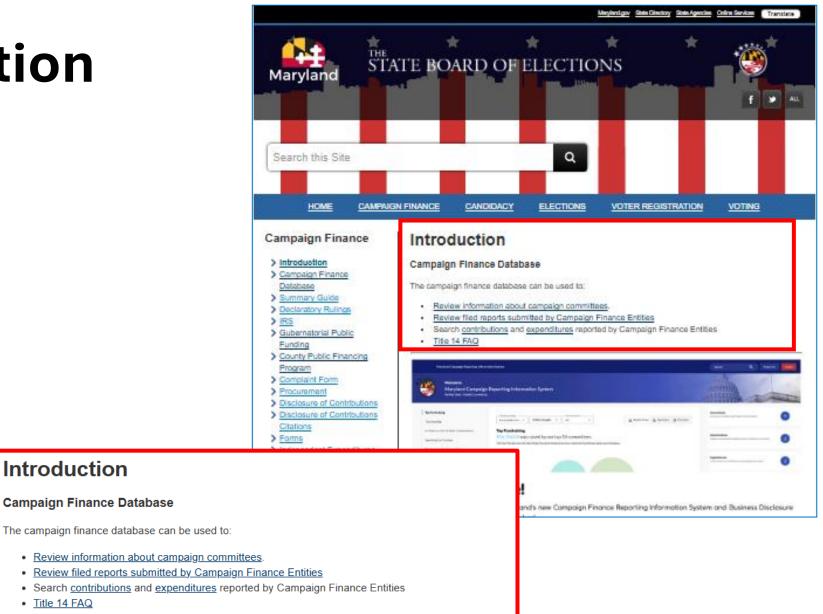
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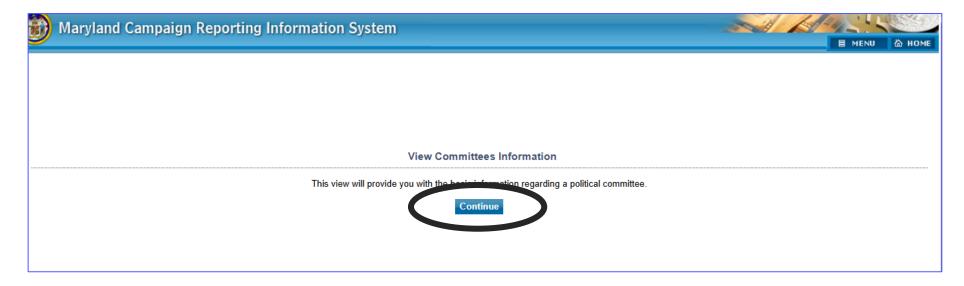
**Campaign Finance Database** 

From Campaign Finance use the search feature





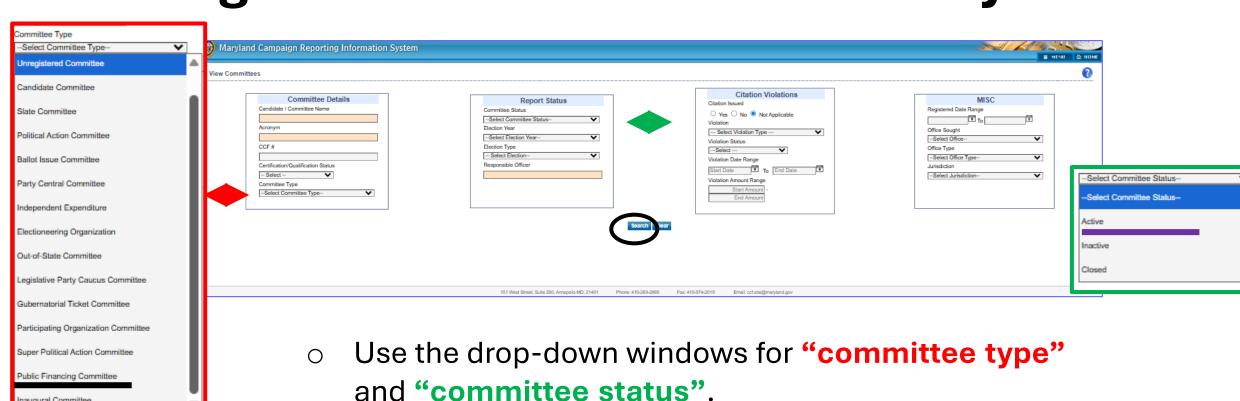
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Or you can save steps by going to: https://campaignfinance.maryland.gov/Public/ViewCommiteesMain



## Finding All of the PF Cmtes. in Maryland

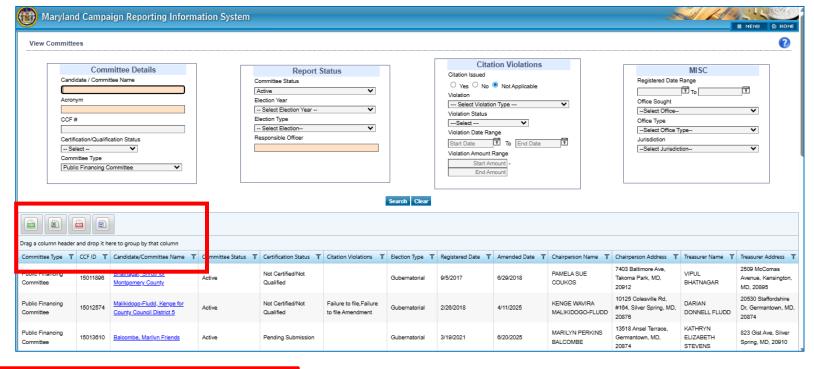




Inaugural Committee

## All 47 Active PF Cmtes. in Maryland

As of Fri.Sept. 12,2025.







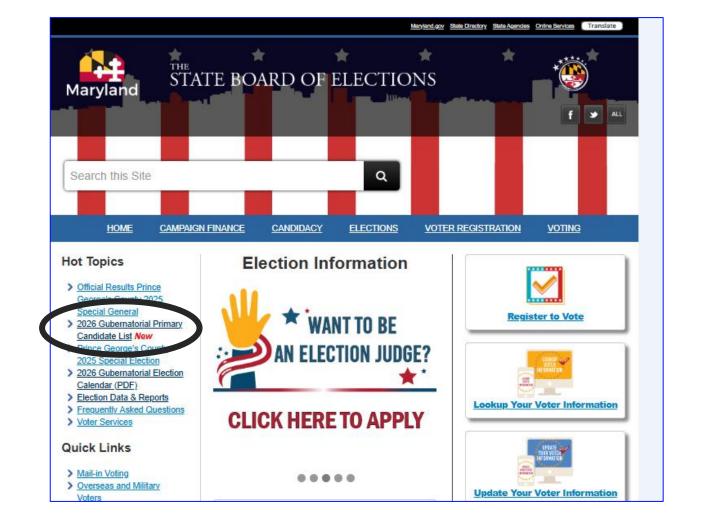
## **Detailed Look - Publicly Available Data**

Committee Information						
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Election Participation (Optional)						
Election Type	Office Type	Office Sou	ght	Jurisdiction	Party Affiliation	Start Date
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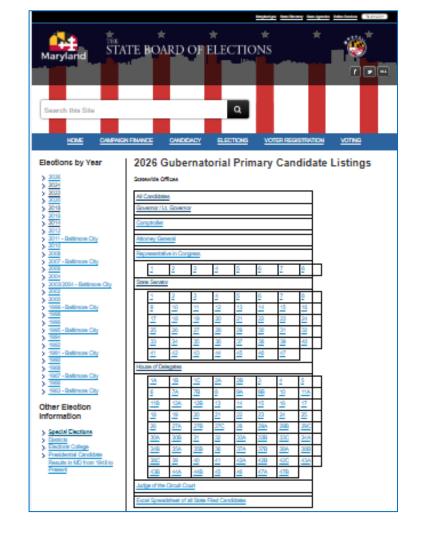
Who has filed for office.





#### Finding Who Has Filed for Office

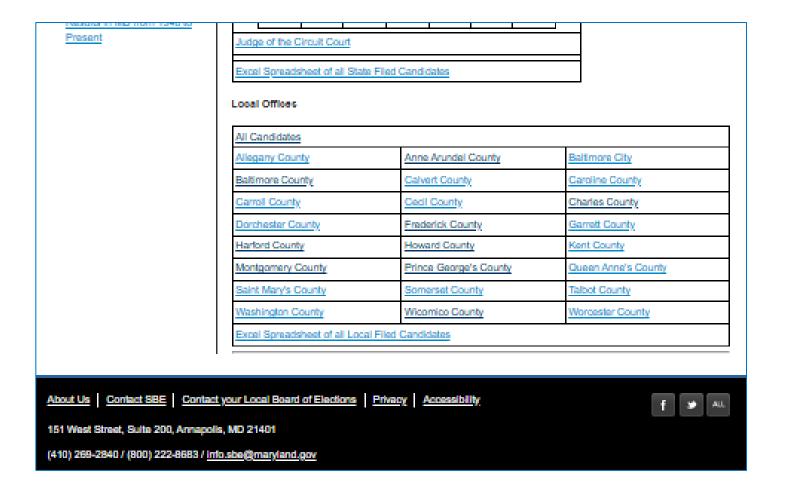
Local Board of Elections (LBE) and the SBE's computers share data on the hour (generally) updating when candidates have filed for office.





#### **Looking at Local Offices**

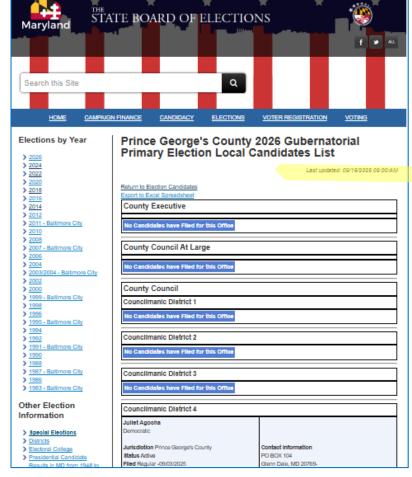
 Scroll to the bottom to find who has filed for county office.





# Can Drill Down by County or by Office Sought

 Can download the data as well



Maryland.gov State Directory State Agencies. Online Services. Transslate



# Who Has Filed for Office – Publicly Available Data

This is a
 contested
 election in the
 Democratic
 Primary





## SBE Divides PF Information into 2 Types

- If you want to learn more about Public Financing for Governor
  - https://elections.maryland.gov/campaign\_finance/public\_funding.
     html
- If you want to learn more about Public Financing for County offices
  - https://elections.maryland.gov/campaign\_finance/County\_public.h
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#### **Additional Resources: County Website**

- Anne Arundel County Public Campaign Financing System
- Baltimore City Fair Election Fund
- Baltimore County Fair Election Fund
- Howard County Citizens' Election Fund
- Montgomery County Public Election Fund
- o Prince George's Fair Election Fund



# What You Need on Your Contribution Card (Receipt)



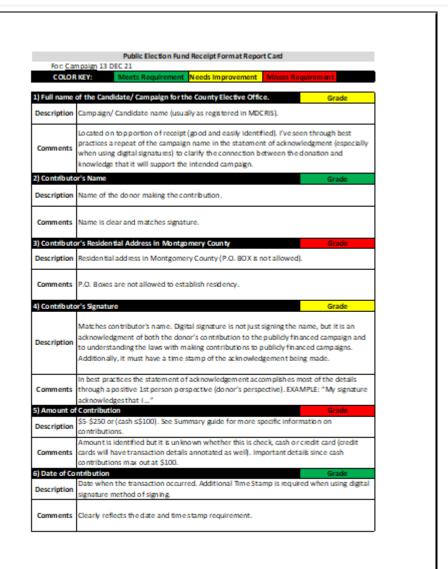
- 1. Your committee name / authority line
- 2. Contributor's Name
- 3. Contributor's Full Address
- 4. Contribution Amount
- 5. Contribution Date
- 6. Contribution Type (Cash, Check, EFT, Credit/Debit)
- 7. Attestation that this is from personal funds
- 8. Attestation that donor is a county (or state, if governor) resident
- 9. Signature / digital signature



# Avoid Making Mistakes on Your Contribution Card

- Created by Maurice Valentine of the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection
  - Avoid obvious mistakes.





## POC for Help with your Contribution Card

- Montgomery County point person is Maurice Valentine in the Office of Consumer Protection. <u>Maurice.Valentine@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>
  - Will review your contribution card (receipt) to make sure it complies.
- All remaining counties can send an example of your contribution card (receipt) to Kevin Gillogly at <u>Kevin.Gillogly@Maryland.gov</u> for compliance.



## Questions



#### **Future Lunch and Learns**

- Mon. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Noon. Bulk Uploads, Uploading Receipts and Attaching Receipts
- Mon. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon. Submitting your first initial matching fund report
- Mon. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Noon. Trouble shooting common problems
- o Mon. Nov. 17th, Noon. Welcome to the new MD CRIS



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