

Summary Guide
Fair Election Fund
Baltimore County, Maryland

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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

In 2011, The General Assembly established the Commission to Study Campaign Finance Law. On December 31, 2012, the General Assembly issued its final report. It recommended that the counties be authorized to establish their own public financing programs for county offices. In 2013, the General Assembly passed, and the Governor signed, HB 1499, the Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2013, giving county governments the authority to implement a public financing program.

Pursuant to Maryland Election Law §13-505, any county in the State may elect to establish a system of public campaign financing for elective offices in the executive and legislative branches of the County's government. Any program established under this provision is to be administered by the Chief Financial Officer of the County and subject to regulation and oversight by the Maryland State Board of Elections.

Each county shall determine the criteria that candidates must satisfy to become eligible for participation in the Program. Participation in a Public Campaign Financing Program is not mandatory for candidates. The decision for a candidate to participate is voluntary and one can only participate if running for a covered county elective office. The County's Program may include regulations on campaign financing, contributions, expenditures, reporting and campaign material that are stricter than those of State law.

BALTIMORE COUNTY ESTABLISHES A CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND PROGRAM

On March 18, 2019 County Council passed Bill 3-19, a charter amendment which, established the Citizen's Election Fund System and established a Citizens' Election Fund Commission. The charter amendment was then placed on the November 2, 2020 ballot as Question A, which was approved by voters. The Fair Election Fund Work Group was then established to make recommendations on how to create and implement the Fair Election Fund.

On December 28, 2021, County Council passed Bill 102-21, which established the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund and the Fair Election Fund Commission. The Commission is responsible for estimating the amount of funding needed during the upcoming election cycle and making annual recommendations to the County Executive on the level of appropriations needed in each forthcoming budget. The Commission consists of nine members serving four-year terms. Each member is a resident and registered voter of Baltimore County and each member is confirmed by the County Council.

SOURCES OF FUNDING

The Baltimore County Fair Election Fund is comprised of the following funding sources: (1) money appropriated to the fund; (2) any unspent money remaining in a certified candidate's Citizen funded campaign account after the candidate is no longer a candidate; (3) any public contribution returned to the fund; (4) any fines collected; (5) any earnings on money in the fund.

The Fund shall also include a subfund to which citizens may make voluntary contributions, and from which disbursements shall be made to a participating candidate's citizen-funded campaign account before disbursements are made from money appropriated to the Fund.

******IMPORTANT NOTICE******

ALL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS, TRANSACTIONS AND PAPERWORK ARE SUBJECT TO AUDIT

IMPORTANT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

“Applicant Candidate” means a candidate who is seeking to be a certified candidate in a primary or general election.

“Campaign Finance Entity” has the meaning stated in title 1, subtitle 1 of the election law article of the annotated code of 5 Maryland.

“Certified Candidate” means a candidate who is certified as eligible for public campaign financing from the fund.

“Citizen Funded Campaign Account” means a campaign finance account into which eligible contributions may be received and from which money may be spent in accordance with this title.

“Commission” means the citizens election fund commission referenced in section 1013 of the Baltimore County charter, to be named “the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Commission.”

“Contested Election” means any election, including a special election, in which there are more candidates for office than the number who can be elected to that office.

“Contribution” has the meaning stated in title 1, subtitle 1 of the election law article of the annotated code of Maryland.

“County Board” means the Baltimore County Board of Elections.

“County resident” means a natural person who resides in Baltimore County.

“Director” means the Director of Budget and Finance or their designee.

“Election Cycle” has the meaning stated in title 1, subtitle 1 of the election law article of the annotated code of Maryland.

“Eligible Contribution” means an aggregate donation in a four-year election cycle from an individual, including an individual who does not reside in the county, that does not exceed the contribution limit as established in this title.

“Fund” means the citizens’ election fund referenced in section 1013 of the Baltimore County charter, to be named “the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund”.

“Participating Candidate” means a certified candidate who has received a public contribution from the fund during the current election cycle.

“Principal Political Parties” has the meaning stated in title 16 1, subtitle 1 of the election law article of the annotated code of Maryland.

“Public Contribution” means money disbursed from the fund to a certified candidate.

“Qualifying contribution” means an eligible monetary contribution in support of an applicant candidate that is: (1) made by a county resident; (2) made after the beginning of the qualifying period, but no later than the next general election; and (3) acknowledged by a receipt.

“Qualifying period” means: (1) the time beginning on January 1 following the last election for the office the candidate seeks and ending 45 days before the date of the primary election; or (2) for a special election, the time that the county council sets by resolution.

“Slate” has the meaning stated in title 1, subtitle 1 of the election law article of the annotated code of Maryland.

“State board” means the Maryland State Board of Elections.

FUND – ELECTION CYCLE CHART (EXHIBIT A)

365 Days Before Primary Election	Last Tuesday in February Before Primary Election	45 Days Before the Primary Election	Primary Election	General Election	5 Days After the General Election	15 Days After the General Election
6/23/2025	2/24/2026	5/9/2026	6/23/2026	11/3/2026	11/8/2026	11/18/2026
Distribution Period						
Qualifying Period						
Receipt submission period for Primary Election						
Receipt submission period for General Election						
File Notice of Intent with Board						
File Certificate of Candidacy						

Distribution Period: This is the period during which the County distributes public contributions from the Fund to a certified candidate. The period begins 365 calendar days before the primary election and ends 15 calendar days after the date of the general election.

Qualifying Period: This is the period during which candidates may submit receipts to the Board of Elections to become a Certified Candidate. The period begins on January 1 following the last election and ends 45 calendar days before the primary election. As described in Section XVII, certification is only required once and applies to both the primary and general elections.

Receipt Submission Period(s): This is the period during which a qualified candidate may submit receipts to the Board of Elections to receive public contributions from the Fund. Submissions are due no later than 11:59 PM on primary election or general election day.

Candidate Filing Notice of Intent: Candidates must file a Notice of Intent with the Board of Elections no later than 9 p.m. on the last Tuesday in February in the year in which the primary election will be held.

Candidate Filing Certificate of Candidacy: Candidates submit a certificate of candidacy with the Board of Elections no later than 9 p.m. on the last Tuesday in February in the year in which the primary election will be held. This is for the candidate to appear on the ballot.

See **EXHIBIT A (above)** for an outline of the Current (2026) Election Cycle.

SECTION I: PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING - HOW TO BEGIN

To become certified in the Fair Election Fund, an applicant candidate must be a Baltimore County resident running for County Executive or the County Council.

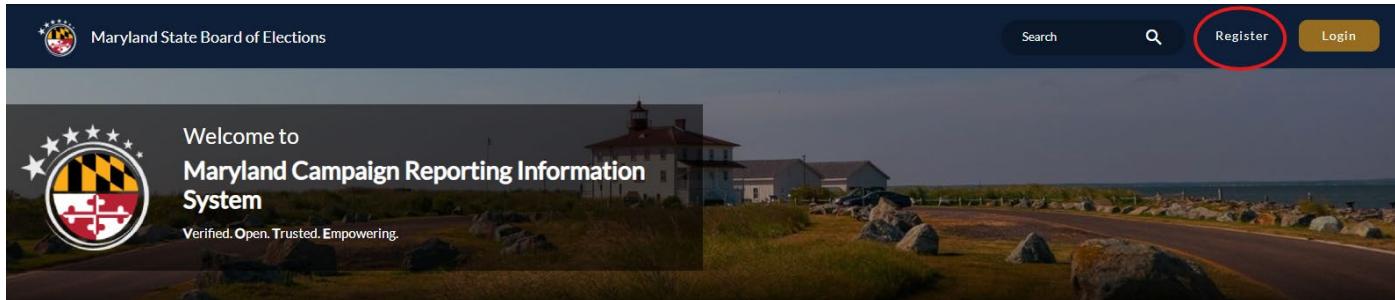
Prior to raising a contribution governed by the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund, an applicant candidate must complete the following steps to begin the certification process and participate in the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund:

- Register the Public Finance Committee via the electronic filing system (MDCRIS) not later than 9 p.m. on the last Tuesday in February in the year in which the primary election will be held. Instructions are included in Section II “How to Register a Public Financing Committee in MDCRIS.”
- File the Notice of Intent to Qualify with the State Board of Elections. The Notice of Intent to Qualify is automatically generated at the time of establishing a public financing committee. Instructions are included in the next section.
- Open a citizen funded campaign account with a bank. The purpose of this account is to receive deposits of all contributions, matching public distributions, and to make expenditures. **Any other campaign finance entity associated with the candidate must be closed or be made inactive (no deposits made into the account and no funds withdrawn from the account) during the period the candidate seeks public funds.** Detailed instructions are included in Section V, “Documents Needed to Open a Publicly Funded Campaign Bank Account.”

SECTION II: HOW TO REGISTER A PUBLIC FINANCING COMMITTEE IN THE MARYLAND CAMPAIGN REPORTING INFORMATION SYSTEM (MDCRIS)

NOTE: The Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System (MDCRIS) is an electronic system maintained by the State Board of Elections. To keep information secure, users must register and log in to MDCRIS to view detailed training materials. This section will discuss how to register for MDCRIS and Section IV will discuss how to access training materials.

Register a publicly (citizen) funded campaign committee in MDCRIS by following the below instructions:



▪ **Step 1:** Select Register Committee at www.campaignfinance.maryland.gov. (See above)

▪ **Step 2:** Select Public Financing Committee. (See below)



▪ **Step 3:** The next screen advises that one of the following will be needed to complete the registration online:

1. Driver's license number;
2. The last 4 numbers of Social Security Number; or
3. Voter Registration ID number. Select "OK."

▪ **Step 4:** The following information will be entered on the next screen which is the information needed for the **Notice of Intent**. This screen will also collect candidate details (name, address, e-mail, phone, etc.). Once entered, check the box to confirm the information and then select “Next.”

- Election (*type and date, such as Gubernatorial – 11/08/2026*)
- Committee Name;
- Jurisdiction;
- Office Sought; and
- Party Affiliation.

▪ **Step 5:** The next screen is establishment of the Public Financing Committee. The following information will be required:

1. Candidate Information (i.e. name, date of birth, contact information)
2. Chairperson Information
3. Treasurer Information
4. Additional Contact Information (Optional); and
5. Citizen Funded Campaign Account Information.

MDCRIS will generate the following documents for the committee to print after the submission:

- Notice of Intent
- Statement of Organization

Note: In response to the MDCRIS Notice of Intent filing, Baltimore County Government will mail and e-mail a letter to the Treasurer’s address to advise of next steps to ensure timely disbursements once requirements have been met to be a certified candidate. **Response is needed before disbursements can occur.**

Also Note: To amend your registration, navigate to the Account Overview page:

Amend Your Registration

Step 1: Go to Account Overview

The Account Overview page lets you see all the information provided during registration.

If you need to update or make changes to this information, you will need to amend your registration. Amending your registration will create a new version of the registration information form. There is a history of the change which is viewable to the public.



Click the **Amend Registration** button to start the amendment process.

This will open the registration to be amended.

Step 2: Registration Process in Amend View



Move through the registration process, making any necessary changes.

Note: Not all fields are available for amending.

SECTION III: STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE

After submission and review by the State Board, an email will be sent to the Candidate, Chairman, and Treasurer with a temporary password to access MDCRIS. The email will occur within 24 hours. If this email is not received within 24 hours, please verify that the email was not received in a spam folder. If not received, contact the State Board at 410-269-2880.

After receiving the email with the temporary password, each committee member will need to log into MDCRIS, with the assigned temporary password and create a unique personal password. The username to be used during login is the email address listed in the Committee Registration.

SECTION IV: HOW TO ACCESS MD CRIS TRAINING MATERIALS

As discussed in Section II, the State Board of Elections requires that users register and log in to MD CRIS to access most training materials. While logged in to MD CRIS, users should navigate to the Filer's Dashboard to view training materials:

The screenshot displays the MD CRIS Filer's Dashboard with six main categories:

- Filer Dashboard**: Includes links to [Complete Filer's Guide](#) (circled in red) and [Getting to Know Your Filer's Dashboard](#).
- Account Functions**: Includes links to [Adding a New Contributor](#) and [Account Overview Page](#).
- Disclosure Reports**: Includes links to [Previewing a Disclosure Report](#), [File a Regular Disclosure Report](#), [File an Affidavit\(ALAC\) Report](#), [Amend a Disclosure Report](#), and [View Reports](#).
- Transactions**: Includes links to [Interacting with Your Transactions](#), [Adding a Contribution](#), [Overview of the Import Process](#), [Importing Transactions](#), [Correct Import Errors](#), and [Transactions Page](#).
- Registrations**: Includes links to [Amending Your Registration](#), [Forgot Your Password](#), and [Switch Between Multiple Accounts](#).
- Help**: Includes a link to [Complete Filer's Guide](#).

In addition, visit elections.maryland.gov/campaign_finance/county_public.html to view background information about County Public Financing Programs. A section on Public Election Fund Education Webinars provides recordings of past webinars and PDFs introducing the version of MD CRIS that debuted in December 2025:

8. Welcome to the new MD SBE Website and Goodbye MD CRIS from December 1, 2025
 - [Webinar](#)
 - Passcode: YXt7%V2C
 - [Welcome to the New MD SBE Website and Goodbye MD CRIS \(PDF\)](#)
9.  [Getting Started in the New MD CRIS \(PDF\)](#)
10. Common Questions in the new MD CRIS from January 5, 2026
 - [Webinar](#)
 - Passcode: SL0V^0F4
 -  [Common Questions in the New MD CRIS \(PDF\)](#)

The same web page also shares registration information for upcoming webinars:

Upcoming Schedule for Education and Training Videos

Here is the schedule through February 2026.

Date	Time	Subject
Mon Jan 19	Noon	'Handling Your 1 st Required Report'
Mon Feb 02	Noon	'How to Add / Amend Transactions'

[RSVP here](#)  (long form down below)

Finally, for Help Desk contact information for MD CRIS, consult the *Additional Resources and Contacts* addendum at the conclusion of this Summary Guide.

SECTION V: DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OPEN A PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

To open a publicly funded campaign account, the following may be requested by the financial institution:

- Employer Identification Number
- File Form SS-4 with the Internal Revenue Service (Application for Employer Identification Number)
<https://www.irs.gov/uac/form-ss-4-application-for-employer-identification-number-ein>. A personal social security number cannot be used.
- Resolution of Authority - Banks should accept the processed Statement of Organization to a newly formed public financing committee by the State Board. This document will be generated after completing registration in MD CRIS.
- Personal Identification.

As a reminder, once the committee's publicly funded campaign account is opened with the financial institution, this account number MUST be entered in MD CRIS to ensure timely deposits of publicly matched funds for the certified candidate.

SECTION VI: CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Once the public financing committee is established through MD CRIS and the publicly (citizen) funded campaign account is opened with the financial institute of choice, the candidate can:

- Begin collecting qualifying contributions to meet the required contribution amount to become a certified candidate. **No contributions made prior to filing your Notice of Intent will be considered a qualifying contribution.**
- All contributions, whether qualifying or eligible, must be deposited into the applicant candidate's citizen funded campaign account. Each contribution must have a proof of receipt that will be submitted to the State Board at the time of requesting a public contribution. Each receipt must have the contributor's name, residential address, and be signed by the contributor directly or by the digital signature method approved by the State Board. The signature card name must match the name of contributor to be considered a qualifying contribution. See Section XLVI for an example contribution card.
- Minimum requirements to qualify for Public Financing for each elective office are as follows:

Elective Office	Number of Qualifying Contributions	Aggregate Total
County Executive	550	\$50,000
County Council	150	\$15,000

- Further details on spending regulations are in Section XXXI.
- NOTE: Public Campaign Financing is only available to candidates participating in contested elections. However, candidates may collect contributions in advance of their election potentially becoming contested. See Section XVI and XXXVII for more information.

SECTION VII: QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS

A qualifying contribution must satisfy the following criteria:

- An aggregate donation of at least \$5.00 but no more than \$250.00;
- Contributed in support of an applicant candidate during the four-year election cycle;
- The maximum amount of a contribution from a single resident to an applicant candidate is \$250.00 during each election cycle.
- The contributor must be a County resident;
- Contributions must be made during the qualifying period;
- Contributions must be acknowledged by a receipt that identifies the contributor's name, residential address, and be signed by the contributor directly or by a digital signature.

Note: In-Kind donations do not count as qualifying contributions.

Cash: A person may make cash contributions up to \$100 in an election cycle to a political committee.

SECTION VIII: ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

An eligible contribution must satisfy the following criteria and will not be matched by public funding:

- An aggregate donation of no more than \$250.00 from an individual in support of a candidate during the election cycle (note: aggregate cash donations may not exceed \$100 per cycle);
- Each eligible contribution must have a proof of receipt that will be submitted to the State Board;
- The contributor does not have to be a County resident.
- An applicant candidate may accept up to a combined total of \$12,000 in contributions or loans consisting of not more than \$6,000 from each of the following family members:
 - (i) the applicant candidate;
 - (ii) a child who is at least 18 years old;
 - (iii) a spouse,
 - (iv) a parent; or
 - (v) a sibling;

NOTE: All such loans/contributions must be reported in MD CRIS. See SECTION XXIV: ENTERING A CONTRIBUTION.

- Not all eligible contributions are qualifying.

SECTION IX: IMPERMISSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

An applicant candidate must not accept the following contributions:

- A private contribution from any group or organization, including a political action committee, a corporation, labor organization or a State or local central committee of a political party.
- A private contribution or contributions from an individual in an aggregate greater than \$250.00 during a four (4) year election cycle.
- A loan from anyone other than the applicant candidate, their child who is at least 18 years old, their spouse, their parent, or their sibling.
- Anonymous contributions.

SECTION X: MATCHING FORMULA

The maximum public contribution applies for each *election* in the cycle; the primary and general elections are distinct elections. For example, the maximum a candidate for County Executive can receive is \$1,500,000 in public contributions for the election cycle. See the table below.

COVERED OFFICE	Matching Ratio for Public Dollars	Qualified Contribution Threshold	Maximum Public Contribution
County Executive	6 to 1	First \$50	\$750,000 Per Election
	4 to 1	\$51-\$100	
	2 to 1	\$101-\$150	
	0	\$151-\$250	
County Council	4 to 1	First \$50	\$80,000 Per Election
	3 to 1	\$51-\$100	
	2 to 1	\$101-\$150	

SECTION XI: IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

An in-kind contribution of property, goods, or services is not eligible to receive public election matching dollars. An in-kind donation contribution cannot have a value that exceeds \$250.00. Like other contributions, in-kind contributions are recorded (see SECTION XXIV: ENTERING A CONTRIBUTION).

SECTION XII: LOANS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM APPLICANT CANDIDATE AND CERTAIN FAMILY MEMBERS

An applicant candidate, their spouse, child who is at least 18 years old, parent, or sibling, each may contribute and/or loan up to \$6,000 to the applicant candidate's publicly funded campaign account. The combined total may not exceed \$12,000. Further, these contributions/loans do not qualify for matching public funds and do not count towards the certification requirement. Contributions from other family members are subject to all relevant limits and qualification requirements.

NOTE: THE CONTRIBUTIONS/LOANS MENTIONED IN THIS SECTION (FROM CANDIDATE, SPOUSE, ETC.) MUST BE REPORTED IN MDCRIS UNDER CONTRIBUTIONS. SEE SECTION XXIV: ENTERING A CONTRIBUTION FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

SECTION XIII: RECEIPT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

A separate receipt must be obtained from the contributor with the contributor's name, residential address, and be signed by the contributor directly or by digital signature. The contributor must also certify Baltimore County residency. Without a receipt of contribution, the contribution will not qualify for matching dollars from the Fair Election Fund. ***Sample below.***

Electronic Contribution Receipt

Contribution Received by: XXXX for Council

Contribution ID #: X

Contribution Received on: XX/XX/XXXX

Name of Contributor: X

Amount of Contribution: \$150.00

Contributor Address: X

Attestation:

By typing my name in the e-signature block below, I hereby certify the following:

- I understand that State and County law requires that a contribution be in my name and be from my own funds. This contribution is being made from my personal credit or debit card account, billed to and paid by me for my personal use out of my personal funds, is not being reimbursed in any matter, and is not being made as a loan. This contribution is not being made from the funds of a business entity, political action committee, labor organization or other organization or group.
- I understand that because Candidate X is participating in Baltimore County's Fair Election Fund program, I may not contribute more than \$250 to their campaign during the four-year cycle January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.

E-Signature:

Resident of Baltimore County: Yes

SECTION XIV: BANK CHECKS

A cancelled check does **not** qualify as a signed contribution receipt for matching Fair Election Fund purposes. The contributor must sign and provide a receipt as an additional document acknowledging the contribution to be a qualified contribution for public fund matching.

A qualifying contribution made in bank check form must be printed with a name to match the name on the signed receipt of contribution.

- For example, if a bank check has two names printed on the document, with a Baltimore County address, one of the names must be the name of the Baltimore County resident contributor.
- Also note, if a bank check has two names printed on the document, with a Baltimore County address, the contributor can sign the document using the initials of one of the names printed on the check (i.e. the name printed on the check is John A. Contributor and signed as J. A. Contributor.)

SECTION XV: DIGITAL SIGNATURES

A contribution receipt from the contributor with a digital signature means a document provided to the State Board where the donor made an affirmative action acknowledging the contribution to a publicly financed candidate. This is more than checking a box, but an affirmative action. A check mark, as evidence of the signature, will not be accepted by the contributor for matching funds.

- For example, if the donor typed in their name at the time of making the contributions understanding the law and its requirements for making a contribution, that would be evidence of an affirmative action. The supporting documentation of a digital signature must include a record with a time stamp of when the action occurred. See Election Law Article §1-101(y) for a definition of an electronic signature.

SECTION XVI: CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATE

Once the initial registration and contribution requirements are satisfied to become eligible for Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Financing, all documents to determine certification of a participating candidate must be filed with the State Board. This filing must be completed through the MD CRIS platform. The Board must certify an applicant candidate no later than 10 business days after receiving the following information:

- Receipts for the required number of qualifying contributions and required aggregate total dollar amount;
- A declaration from the candidate agreeing to follow the regulations governing the use of Fair Election Fund contributions (completed at the time of registration);
- A campaign finance report that includes:
 - each qualifying contribution received;
 - each expenditure made; and
 - all receipts associated with each contribution and expenditure; and
- A certificate of candidacy for a covered office.

NOTE: A CANDIDATE MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR ANY ELECTION. IF AN APPLICATION IS DENIED, THE APPLICANT MAY REVISE THE APPLICATION ONCE IF DONE BEFORE THE DEADLINE. OTHERWISE, THE DECISION BY THE BOARD AS TO CERTIFY A CANDIDATE IS FINAL.

SECTION XVII: CERTIFICATION IS ONLY REQUIRED ONCE

A candidate needs only to qualify once in order to become a certified candidate during an election cycle. A certified candidate who accepts a matching public contribution during a primary election becomes a participating candidate for the general election. Certification is not required for both the primary and the general election.

SECTION XVIII: CERTIFICATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION AFTER NOT PARTICIPATING DURING THE PRIMARY ELECTION

The Baltimore County Code does not specifically prohibit a candidate from participating in the Fair Election Fund Program in the general election if they did not participate in the Program during the primary election.

An example for this situation would be a candidate for a non-principal political party or a candidate

participating in an uncontested primary election. However, the candidate must qualify to be a participant during the qualifying period, which ends before the primary election is held. **Therefore, unless a candidate has qualified to participate prior to the primary election taking place, they would be precluded from participating as a Fair Election Fund candidate in the general election.**

A certified candidate nominated by petition may receive a public contribution for the general election if:

- The candidate's nomination is certified by the County Board;
- The candidate did not participate in a primary election;
- The candidate meets the requirements of certification; and
- The candidate established a public financing committee and publicly funded account.

SECTION XIX: USE OF PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION

A participating candidate shall only make expenditures from the Citizen Funded Campaign Account registered with the State Board for expenses incurred for the election.

A participating candidate may not pay in advance for property, goods, or services to be used after certification with non-qualifying contributions received before applying for certification.

The Director shall reduce the public contribution to a participating candidate's Citizen Funded Campaign Account by the total amount of all expenditures made after the end of the previous election cycle from the candidate's non-participating campaign account.

Expenditures made with contributions received prior to the end of the previous election cycle towards debts accrued before the end of the previous election cycle shall not reduce the public contribution to a participating candidate's Citizen Funded Campaign Account.

SECTION XX: CERTIFICATION FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE AFTER PREVIOUSLY QUALIFYING FOR A SEPARATE ELECTIVE OFFICE

If a participating candidate seeks a County elective office different from the one the candidate was certified for during the same election cycle, the candidate must:

- Withdraw from the election;
- Repay to the Director all distribution(s) made by the Fund;
- Apply for certification with the Board for the new County elective office.

NOTE: THE BOARD'S PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICE FROM WHICH THE CANDIDATE HAS WITHDRAWN CAN BE USED TOWARDS THE CERTIFICATION FOR THE NEW COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICE. Qualifying contributions would then be matched according to the matching formula for the new office.

SECTION XXI: PARTICIPATION IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION BUT NOT GENERAL ELECTION

In the event that a certified candidate accepted a public contribution during the primary election and won, the candidate is automatically qualified for the Public Election Program for the general election.

The candidate must terminate their candidacy entirely to withdraw from the Public Election Program. After withdrawal from the program, a candidate shall repay the Fund the full amount of any public contribution, plus interest accruing from the date of withdrawal. The repayment of public funds must be repaid prior to the repayment of any personal loans.

SECTION XXII: CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL FAIR ELECTION FUND REPORTS

A public financing committee, like other political committees, **must** file campaign finance reports according to the State schedule posted at

https://elections.maryland.gov/campaign_finance/reporting_schedule.html. *Note: This website is updated periodically to reflect dates relevant to upcoming elections. The Board and the Director will then review the reports before the distribution of public funds (see Section XXVI: Distribution of Public Funds).*

A public financing committee may also file additional reports requesting public funds. During the election year, these optional reports can only be filed on the first and third Tuesday of February, March and July for the primary election and of September and November for the general election after the distribution period has begun. In the calendar year prior to the calendar election year, optional reports can be filed on the first and third Tuesdays of any month beginning with the first Tuesday of May.

Again, to receive publicly matched funding, the public financing committee must provide to the State Board a campaign finance report that includes:

- each qualifying contribution received;
- each expenditure made by the candidate;
- all receipts associated with each contribution and expenditure.

SECTION XXIII: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All reports must be filed using the MDCRIS. This program can be accessed using any internet browser, logging in at www.campaignfinance.maryland.gov. Reports for your committee can be filed up to 11:59 p.m. on your filing date deadline. Once your report has been submitted through MDCRIS, an email will be sent acknowledging your submission. Please see the Maryland State Board of Elections website for their mandatory reporting schedule.

NOTE: THE BEGINNING TRANSACTION DATE FOR ALL REPORTS IS THE DAY AFTER THE ENDING TRANSACTION DATE OF THE PRIOR REPORT. THIS INCLUDES FILING ANY OPTIONAL FAIR ELECTION FUND REPORTS. IF THE COMMITTEE IS NEW, THE BEGINNING TRANSACTION DATE IS THE DATE THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED.

SECTION XXIV: ENTERING A CONTRIBUTION

MD CRIS is used to enter information about all contributions. As discussed in Sections VI-VIII, all contributions must be accompanied by a receipt. Refer to Section IV for information on how to learn how to navigate MD CRIS and obtain training materials.

Information entered in MD CRIS will include contribution type, payment type, contributor type, transaction date, and transaction amount.

The following quick guide on contribution types may be useful when entering contributions in MD CRIS:

CONTRIBUTION TYPE	PERMITTED/NOT PERMITTED	QUALIFYING/NOT QUALIFYING
Candidate Loan	PERMITTED	NO
Cash	PERMITTED	YES
Check	PERMITTED	YES
Credit Card	PERMITTED	YES
Electronic Fund Transfer	PERMITTED	YES
Coordinated In-Kind	NOT PERMITTED	NO
In-Kind	PERMITTED	NO
Other Income	PERMITTED	NO
Payroll Deduction	PERMITTED	YES
Raffle or Wheel (Cash)	PERMITTED	YES
Raffle or Wheel (Check)	PERMITTED	YES
Raffle or Wheel (Credit Card)	PERMITTED	YES
Refund/Rebate	PERMITTED	NO
Ticket Purchase (Cash)	PERMITTED	YES

SECTION XXV: ENTERING AN EXPENDITURE

MD CRIS is also used to enter all expenditures. Refer to Section IV for information on how to learn how to navigate MD CRIS and obtain training materials.

MD CRIS will prompt the user to enter information including the following for each expenditure:

- Expenditure Type
- Expense Category
- Expense Purpose
- Payee Type and Payee
- Transaction Date
- Transaction Amount
- Payment Method

SECTION XXVI: DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS

After a review of the campaign finance report by the State Board, the Director of Finance for Baltimore County is then notified to deposit the authorized matching publicly funded campaign contribution into the certified candidate's citizen funded campaign account. The Director must deposit the funds within five days after the State Board authorizes the public contribution.

The Board must determine the amount of a public contribution that each participating candidate is to receive, based on the amount reflected in the receipts as presented to the Board and the formula for the respective County elective office.

NOTE: A CANDIDATE WILL NOT RECEIVE MATCHING PUBLIC FUNDING MONEY FOR: 1) ANY IN-KIND SERVICES, PROPERTY, OR GOODS; OR 2) A CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE, PARENT, CHILD, OR SIBLING.

SECTION XXVII: DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TIMING

A public financing committee may seek public funds during the distribution period, which begins 365 calendar days before the primary election and ends fifteen (15) calendar days after the general election in which the candidate is participating. See Section XXXVII for more information regarding requirements for contested elections.

SECTION XXVIII: MAXIMUM PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

The maximum public contribution from the Fund to a certified candidate is summed for the primary election and for the general election (the election cycle). For example, the maximum a candidate for County Executive can receive is \$1,500,000 in public contributions for the election cycle, while the maximum per election (primary and general) is \$750,000. The maximum for a County Council candidate is \$160,000, with the maximum per election (primary and general) being \$80,000.

A candidate who wins the nomination after receiving County matching funds may continue to receive matching funds from the County up to the maximum amount during a contested general election.

SECTION XXIX: EXCEEDING PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS LIMIT

The Director must not approve a distribution of a public contribution from the Fund to a participating candidate that would exceed the aggregate public contribution limit for either a primary or general election for that County elective office.

In the event that a public contribution exceeded the public contribution limit for the County elective office, the Board must notify the participating candidate within five business days from the date of that determination in writing, and the participating candidate must repay the Fund within five business days from the date of the notification letter.

If the amount is not repaid to the Fund within five business days, the interest charges will accrue.

SECTION XXX: SPENDING CAP FOR PARTICIPANTS

- A certified candidate for County Executive may not make expenditures for either a primary or general election of more than \$1,400,000 from their citizen funded campaign account. The sum of this limit for the cycle is \$2,800,000.
- A certified candidate for County Council may not make expenditures for either a primary or general election of more than \$150,000 from their citizen funded campaign account. The sum of this limit for the cycle is \$300,000.

A reporting of expenditures made to the State Board of Elections will be provided to the Director to enforce the spending cap.

SECTION XXXI: DISTRIBUTION PERIOD CLOSED

The Director will notify the Board if the distribution period is closed and certain authorized public contributions have not and will not be remitted to the public campaign funds. The Director will notify the participating candidate(s) within ten business days from the date of notification to the Board.

SECTION XXXI: PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Within 30 days after the County Board certified the results of the primary election, a participating candidate who is not certified to be on the ballot for the general election must return any unspent money in the candidate's publicly funded campaign account to the Fund.

SECTION XXXIII: WITHDRAWAL

- A candidate may opt out of the Public Election Fund Program at any time before the public election fund contribution is received by the candidate's citizen funded campaign account.

If a candidate receives any distributions from the Public Election Fund and later withdraws from the Program, for whatever reason, the candidate must return all Public Election Fund contribution amounts, including interest, accruing from the date of withdrawal. Interest is to be computed using the prime lending rate (published by the Federal Reserve Board as of January 1 in the year in which the distribution is repaid) to the Public Election Fund.

A candidate that has received any public contribution must also withdraw from the election completely to withdraw from the Program. See the required "Certificate of Withdrawal or Declination" form provided in Section L: Provided Documents. The candidate should also e-mail ccf.sbe@maryland.gov in anticipation of withdrawal. In addition, the candidate should file the "Notice of Withdrawal from the Public Election Fund – Baltimore County" form, also provided in Section L. This form affirms that the citizen funded account must return with interest all Public Election Fund contributions accruing from the date of withdrawal.

SECTION XXXIV: PUBLIC FUNDING ACCOUNT INFORMATION

On or before July 1 of the year preceding the primary election, the Director must determine if the amount in the Fund is sufficient to meet the maximum public contributions reasonably expected to be required during the next election cycle. If the Director determines that the total amount available for

distribution in the Fund is insufficient to meet the allocations required by this section, the Director must reduce each public contribution to a certified candidate by the same percentage of the total public contribution.

SECTION XXXV: INSUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE FUND

If the Director determines that there are insufficient funds in the Fund for the full distribution authorized by the Board, the Director shall reduce each public contribution by the same percentage.

SECTION XXXVI: ZERO ACCOUNT BALANCE OF PUBLIC FUNDING ACCOUNT

If the Director determined that the Fund has a zero balance, the Director must notify the County Executive, County Council Chair, and Board within five business days from the date of that determination. If the Board has determined that the public contribution limits for the respective County elective offices have not been reached, the Board may continue to authorize public contributions and notify the Director, and the Director must hold these authorized public contribution notifications until such time that the Fund has a balance greater than zero. At such time, the Director must process authorized public contributions in the following order:

- Previously authorized public contributions that were not paid due to insufficient funds.
- Any authorized public contributions that were held must be processed by date and in the order of the earliest date first to the latest date and based on the date they were authorized by the Board.

All requests for matching funds will be distributed in the same order in which the requests were received until all requests have been satisfied or funds have been exhausted.

If the Director determined that the Fund has a zero balance on the day after the end of the Distribution period, but holds authorized public contributions that were not processed due to insufficient funds, the Director must notify the Board detailing the amounts not paid by date authorized and by candidate.

SECTION XXXVII: CONTESTED ELECTIONS

Public Campaign Financing is only available to candidates participating in contested elections. A “contested election” is defined as an election in which there are more candidates for an office than the number who can be elected to that office.

An election does not have to be contested in both the primary and the general election in order to be a “contested election.” The primary and general elections are separate elections and the determination of whether an election is contested is made independently for each election. An election is contested if there are more candidates for the office than the number who can be elected to that office. For example, if there are two Democrats and one Republican running for a single County Council seat in the primary, the Democratic primary election is contested, but the Republican primary is not contested.

The Director must be notified by the Board within five business days from the date that the Board determines that a participating candidate is no longer in a contested election. If a participating candidate is no longer in a contested election, no further distributions to the participating candidate from the Fund can be made.

SECTION XXXVIII: ALLOWABLE USES OF MONEY

The allowable uses of money in a citizen funded campaign account are limited to expenses directly related to election campaign activities and expenses incurred during the specific time period for either the primary or general election. Additionally, all goods and services that are received once a candidate has filed their intent to participate in the Program must be paid for out of the candidate's citizen funded campaign account. Please see the State Board of Election website for more information about allowable uses of money under Chapter 9: Expenditures and Chapter 13: Public Campaign Financing Laws: https://elections.maryland.gov/campaign_finance/summary_guide.html.

A State Board of Elections contact is listed under Additional Resources and Contacts in this Summary Guide.

SECTION XXXIX: PURCHASING MATERIALS PRIOR TO FILING NOTICE OF INTENT

Assets that the candidate has paid for and received prior to filing their notice of intent to participate in the Program can be used but only in a limited capacity. Otherwise, pre-purchasing by a non-public financing committee for campaign materials or items is prohibited.

Example 1: On March 1, 2025, Candidate A contracts with a bus manufacturer to build a custom campaign bus and pays \$100,000 in full for the bus to be built and delivered on July 1, 2025. On April 1, 2025, Candidate A files a notice of intent to participate in the Fair Election Fund with the State Board. On July 1, 2025, upon receipt of the pre-paid campaign bus, Candidate A would be in violation of the Fair Election Fund regulations which prohibit the advanced purchase of goods and services with ineligible contributions received outside of the Program.

Example 2: On March 1, 2025, Candidate B contracts with a web developer to create a campaign website for the cost of \$10,000 and pays in full at the time. On March 21, 2025, the website is completed with an ongoing monthly fee of \$99, which began on March 21, 2025. On April 21, 2025, Candidate B files their notice of intent to participate in the Fair Election Fund with the State Board. Upon filing this notice of intent, Candidate B now pays the monthly website fee of \$99 from the candidate's citizen funded campaign account. This is considered to be an allowable expense. The candidate does not have to pay for a new campaign website.

SECTION XL: PROHIBITED USES OF MONEY

Prohibited uses of money in a citizen funded campaign account include personal use or expenses relating to holding office, payment of a personal endorsement, and the payment of late filing fees. The candidate must not pay for any campaign expenses after filing a notice of intent with the Board to seek public funding with any campaign finance account other than the candidate's citizen funded campaign account.

Expenses incurred prior to the time that the applicant candidate was certified by the Board are not permissible and therefore are not allowable uses of public funds.

SECTION XLI: TRANSFERS

- A public financing committee may not make transfers to any candidate, political party, or political action committee.
- A political committee may not make a transfer into a candidate's citizen funded campaign account.

SECTION XLII: COMPLAINTS AGAINST USE OF PUBLIC FUNDING

All complaints regarding uses of public campaign funding should be filed with the Commission in accordance to Baltimore County Code §8-2-111.

SECTION XLIII: MEMBERSHIP OF SLATE

A participating candidate may not be a member of a slate.

SECTION XLIV: CONTRIBUTION SURPLUS

All unspent funds remaining in the certified candidate's public financing campaign account must be returned to the Fair Election Fund at the end of the candidate's contested campaign. For candidates who win a contested primary election and continue on to a contested general election, they may retain the unspent funds and continue to receive eligible contributions up to the general election for the covered office for which they are a certified candidate.

On or before the 30th day after the County Board certifies the results of the general election, a participating candidate must return to the Fund any unspent money in the candidate's Fair Election Funded Campaign account.

SECTION XLV: AUTHORITY LINES

Generally, each item of campaign material must include an authority line, set apart from the other printing or content of the campaign material. The authority line must state name and address (unless the address is on file with the State Board) of the person who is responsible for the production and distribution of the campaign material.

Campaign material includes signs, buttons, letters, tickets, solicitations, radio and television advertisements, websites, social media accounts, bumpers stickers and paraphernalia such as pencils, hats and t-shirts.

The authority line for a public financing committee must contain: (1) the name of the Treasurer; and (2) the name of the campaign finance entity.

Example of authority line for a committee

Committee to Elect Mary Smith, John Jones, Treasurer

If the material is too small to permit the inclusion of all required information in a legible manner, the

material need only contain the name and title of the treasurer.

The Office of the Attorney General has stated that almost no material is too small to permit inclusion of the complete authority line. Accordingly, every effort should be made to include the entire authority line.

Mailings

If there is more than one piece or item bearing the candidate's name in a mailing (for example, a brochure, a cover letter, a bumper sticker, a reproduction of a newspaper article), each piece must bear the authority line. An envelope that does not include the name of the candidate, the name of the campaign finance entity, or a campaign slogan is not required to contain an authority line.

Campaign Material on Electronic Media

Webpages and Social Media accounts:

Candidates and political committees that have a web page or social media account must place an authority line on the home or landing page of the website or social media account. An authority line is not required after each post or tweet. However, since each post or tweet is considered campaign material, the political committee is required to retain a copy of posts and tweets for at least one year.

Electronic Media Advertisement:

Electronic media advertisement by a political committee is required to have an authority line. If the electronic media advertisement is too small for an authority line then:

- The ad must allow the viewer to click on the ad and take the viewer to a home or landing page that displays the authority line; or
- Register the ad with the State Board.

Examples of electronic advertisement ads deemed too small:

- A paid text advertisement that is 200 characters or less in length
- A micro bar; or
- A button ad.

Copies of Campaign Material

Each political committee is responsible for publishing and distributing an item of campaign material and is required to keep a sample copy of the item for at least one year after the general election following the date when the item was published or distributed. For each item of campaign material disseminated through the internet, the sample copy may be either a paper facsimile copy or an electronic copy that can be produced as a paper facsimile upon request. These requirements do not apply to a billboard or a sign distributed by a political committee.

SECTION XLVI: PROVIDED DOCUMENTS (begins on next page)

Committee Use Only

Transaction ID: _____

CONTRIBUTION CARD

(The contributor should complete and review the card in its entirety.)

Enter Committee Name _____

Contribution Type Check Cash Money Order Credit Card

Amount \$ _____

Contributor Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

County of Residence: _____

Optional: Tel. _____ Email _____

Account Holder _____ Card Type _____

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

I understand that State law and County regulations requires that a contribution be in my name and be from my own funds. I hereby affirm that this contribution is being made from my personal funds, is not being reimbursed in any manner, and is not being made as a loan; in addition, in the case of a credit card contribution, I also hereby affirm that this contribution is being made from my personal credit card account, billed to and paid by me for my personal use, and has no corporate or business affiliation.

Contributor's Signature

Date of Contribution

State of Maryland

Notice of Withdrawal from the Public Election Fund – Baltimore County

Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned candidate for elective office in Baltimore County and the responsible officers for the publicly funded campaign account, intend to withdraw from The Fair Election Fund program. We understand that the withdrawal means that the publicly funded campaign account must return all Public Election Fund contributions, with interest accruing from the date of withdrawal at the same rate as the current bank prime loan rate as reported by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Any violation of the Baltimore County Public Campaign Financing Article is a Class A civil violation. Additionally, the candidate and responsible officers may be subject to penalties in §§13-603 and 13-604 of Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Date:

Information on Candidate:

Name

Signature of Candidate

Residential Address

Publicly Funded Campaign Account Information:

Bank Account Number **Name of Bank**

Treasurer **Chairman**

Signature of Treasurer

Signature of Chairman

Residential Address of 'T'

Residential Address of C

Contact Person: Allen Norfleet, Director, Candidacy and Campaign Finance

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State of Maryland 
Certificate of Withdrawal or Declination

Candidate Information		
Name of Candidate		
Election Year		<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General
Office Sought	<input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State	
District		
Residence Address		
Mailing Address		
County of Residence (or Baltimore City)		
Election District or Ward		Precinct
Party Affiliation		

I hereby certify that I withdraw my candidacy, or decline my political party's nomination for the office sought and therefore will not appear on the ballot.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____
Month Year

SEAL:

Signature of Notary Public

Print Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires

(Original must be filed with the appropriate election board.)

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Instructions and Information

Filing Requirements and Deadline

Certificate of Withdrawal: The Certificate of Withdrawal may be either hand delivered or mailed. The appropriate election office must receive the Certificate of Withdrawal no later than 10 days after the candidate filing deadline. Postmarks and fax copies are not acceptable. Withdrawals received by mail after the deadline will not be accepted.

Presidential Candidates: If you do not wish to appear on the Maryland Presidential Primary Election ballot as a candidate for President of the United States this affidavit must be signed by the presidential candidate notarized, and the original document must be physically received in the office of the State Board of Elections not later than 10 days after the candidate filing deadline. Timely postmarks and facsimiles are not accepted for this purpose.

Certificate of Declination: The Certificate of Declination must be filed with the appropriate election board by the First Tuesday in August preceding the general election.

Campaign Finance Obligations (Non-Federal)

Filing a Certificate of Withdrawal or Declination does not relieve the responsible officers of the candidate committee from the responsibility for filing Campaign Finance Reports in accordance with Maryland Election Law. Contact the State Board of Elections for further reporting information.

MAILING REQUIREMENTS FOR FILER:

If U.S. Post Office – use the below mailing address only.
If Federal Express, etc. – Send to Street Address only.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Commission

Email: fairelectionfund@baltimorecountymd.gov

Website: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/boards-commissions/fair-election-fund>

Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Law (County Code, Article 8, Title 2)

https://library.municode.com/md/baltimore_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=ART8EL_TIT2BACOFAELFU

Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System

Help Desk: www.elections.state.md.us

Email: info.sbe@maryland.gov

Phone: 410-269-2880

Fax: 410-974-2019

Website: www.campaignfinance.maryland.gov

Business Hours: 8:00AM - 5:00 PM, M – F

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Maryland Code: Election Law article

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