

City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission



Need Help Financing Your Campaign?

After the nominations period has closed on August 8, 2014 (or in some cases, August 13, 2014) and you are certified as a District City Council candidate in the 2014 election, you may be eligible for limited public financing to assist with your campaign.

The **Limited Public Financing Program** of the City of Oakland provides a limited amount of funding by way of reimbursement to a District City Council candidate's campaign for certain campaign expenditures. The maximum amount possible is 30 percent of Oakland's voluntary expenditure ceiling for the office you seek. The amount of money likely available depends on the total funds allocated to the program in the City Budget and also the number of candidates running in City Council district races. This year, there is a total of \$155,000 available for all candidates; the total funds will be divided by the number of City Council district candidates who opt into the program.

In order to participate in the program, a candidate must meet the following initial conditions:

1. A candidate must make an irrevocable decision whether to participate in the public financing program **within 14 days** of being certified to appear on the ballot (submit LPF Form 1).
2. A candidate must agree to abide by Oakland's voluntary expenditure ceilings by submitting the OCRA Form 301.
3. A candidate must raise campaign contributions and incur campaign expenditures of at least 5 percent of the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the office being sought (copies of checks required).
4. A candidate must not lend or contribute personal funds to their respective campaigns more than ten (10) percent of the voluntary expenditure ceiling.

Summary of Initial Requirements for LPF Eligibility

City Council Office	Expenditure Ceiling (2014)	Must raise contributions of at least 5% of the Expenditure Ceiling	Cannot Give/Lend Personal Funds of More than 10% of the Campaign Expenditure Ceiling
District 2	\$127,000	\$6,350	\$12,700
District 4	\$121,000	\$6,050	\$12,100
District 6	\$121,000	\$6,050	\$12,100

There are additional rules and restrictions that apply to candidates receiving limited public financing, as well as limits on the types of expenditures that can be reimbursed.

If you are interested in participating in the Limited Public Financing program or would like additional information about the program, please contact the **Public Ethics Commission** at (510) 238-3593 or ethicscommission@oaklandnet.com.