

Fair Elections Now

How It Works: U.S. House of Representatives

House Fair Elections Now Act - HR 1826

Phase	HR 1826
Seed money	Unlimited contributions of \$100 or less from individuals only
Qualifying contributions	1,500 contributions of between \$5 - \$100 from in-state residents totaling at least \$50,000 collected during a 6-month window needed to qualify.
Primary election grant	40% of base amount. 2008 estimate: \$360,000
Primary matching funds	4 to 1 match on in-state contributions of \$100 or less. Cap on public matching funds is 200% of primary election grant. 2008 estimate: up to \$180,000 in small contributions for up to \$720,000 in matching funds, totaling \$900,000.
Primary spending limit	No spending limit. Candidate can continue to raise unlimited small donations after public funds cap out.
General election grant	60% of base amount. 2008 estimate: \$540,000
General matching funds	4 to 1 match on in-state contributions of \$100 or less. Cap on public matching funds is 200% of general election grant. 2008 estimate: up to \$270,000 in small contributions for up to \$1,080,000 in matching funds, totaling \$1,350,000.
General spending limit	No spending limit. Candidate can continue to raise unlimited small donations after public funds cap out.
General coordinated party expenditures	Capped at 10% of general election grant amount or FECA limit, whichever is less
Broadcast voucher for general election	\$100,000
MAXIMUM PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2.8 million
MAXIMUM QUALIFYING & MATCHABLE SMALL DONATIONS	\$500,000
MAXIMUM TOTAL FUNDS	\$3.3 million, plus unlimited (unmatched) small donations.

Base amount 80% of national average spent in winning House races for past two cycles. For 2004-2006, that average was \$1,125,000; 80% of that is \$900,000.

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