



CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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July Quarterly Filing Due Friday, July 10, 2026

The filing period for the July quarterly report (July 10 Filing) commenced July 1, 2026 and ends July 10, 2026. All state central committees, town committees, political committees, and open candidate committees must file this report regardless of financial activity.

The filing must cover the period starting with the first day after the period covered by the last filing through June 30, 2026. Please note that committees that registered on or after July 1, 2026 are not required to file the July quarterly statement unless they had financial activity that occurred on or before June 30, 2026.

As always, please review the posted [Filing Calendars](#) on our website for more details.



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CEP Campaigns – CEP Documentation and Fixes Fact Sheet Available

In the three months leading up to the start of the grant application period, we had more than 80 committees submit for a pre-application review (PAR) of their grant application. We used the PAR process to analyze the most common mistakes that committees make and then revised our materials to ensure they are drawing your attention to these most common issues and how to fix them. To that end, please see our revised CEP Documentation and Fixes Fact Sheet, which you can view [here](#).

We encourage all treasurers and staff of campaigns that have not already received a grant to review this fact sheet now and to revisit it periodically as you collect qualifying contributions (QCs). After reviewing the fact sheet, we also encourage you to look through your QCs and accompanying documentation and see if you have any of these issues. If you do, now is a good time to reach out to contributors to facilitate fixes, when their contributions are fresh on their mind, rather than waiting until the days leading up to when you plan to apply.

Make an Appointment for a pre-GAR Ledger Review!

We are offering pre-grant application review (GAR) ledger reviews to interested committees! These meetings are usually on Teams where your elections officer walks you through how to identify some common non-qualifying contribution issues, and how to fix them if possible. Committees that have taken advantage of these meetings often have fewer continuances which can help you get your grant more quickly. Give your Elections Officer a call to make your appointment.

Quick Reminder: When you are ready to apply for a grant, call your Elections Officer and schedule a time (860-256-2985).



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CEP Grant Amounts – LAPIGs

For those qualified candidate committees that received the lesser applicable partial initial grant amount (“LAPIG”), please note that we are in the final stages of confirming which districts do and do not have primaries. We are also waiting for CORE-CT, our payment process system, to reopen after the close of the fiscal year. As soon as this occurs, we will issue your campaign its remaining grant amount, if applicable. We expect this to be done by mid-July.

24-Hour Independent Expenditure Reporting

The Commission would like to remind committees, groups, and individuals seeking to make independent expenditures for statewide office and General Assembly candidates in excess of \$1,000 that we are now in the period in which such expenditures, whether made or incurred, must be reported within 24 hours. For more information, please see our webpage on independent expenditure reporting or give us a call at 860-256-2940.

All CEP Online Training Videos Are Online

You can find our online training video modules posted on our site for easy access. If you have received your grant, you would be best served to review Committee Expenditures, Expenditures by Other Sources, and Compensation, Reimbursements, and Consultants at this time as you enter the spending phase of your campaign. The videos may be found [here](#).

For those who have not yet applied, you will find the other modules helpful – such as Raising Funds, Raising Qualifying Contributions Online – Parts 1 and 2, and Grant Application Requirements. Please remember that if you are still raising funds, only your candidate committee may raise funds on your behalf – party committees and political committees may not.



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2026 CEP Virtual Trainings – Save the Date!

Click [here](#) to sign up for our 2026 CEP Virtual Trainings! Check back for dates to be added as we go. Don't see a date that works for you? Give us a call and we will try to work with you.

CEP Spending/Expenditures

07/13/2026	12:00PM - 1:00PM
07/21/2026	12:00PM - 1:00PM
07/28/2026	6:30PM - 7:30PM (NIGHT)
08/03/2026	12:00PM - 1:00PM
08/18/2026	12:00PM - 1:00PM
09/14/2026	12:00PM - 1:00PM

CEP Terminations

07/14/2026	12:00PM - 1:00 PM
07/20/2026	12:00PM - 1:00 PM
08/04/2026	12:00PM - 1:00 PM
08/17/2026	12:00PM - 1:00 PM
09/15/2026	12:00PM - 1:00 PM



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CEP Committees Must Raise Their Own Funds

For CEP candidates to qualify for a public grant each cycle, they must demonstrate public support for their candidacies from their own constituents. Please remember that only the candidate committees seeking to participate in the Citizens' Election Program may solicit and receive the contributions they use to qualify for a grant.

Political committees, party committees and special interest groups may not solicit contributions to be used by the candidate to qualify for the Program. State central committees, town committees, and legislative leadership and caucus committees may still assist candidates. These party and political committees may pay for meet-and-greets for the candidate, advisors or consultants to assist the candidate, and, after a primary, or now, if there is no primary in the particular race, pay for certain advertisements called "party candidate listings." The candidate must, however, be present at any such meet-and-greet to solicit and receive their own contributions, and the party candidate listings may not ask for contribu-

tions except in a very limited way: Public Act 25-26 was passed into law in 2025 and this made a significant change. Now town committees, state central committees, legislative caucus committees, or legislative leadership committees may electronically share links to a participating candidate committee's fundraising page, or to a fundraiser invitation, so long as the cost of the communication is of *de minimis* value. For example, a town committee may send an email with the fundraising link to its existing list of members asking them to support the candidate. Or it can post the fundraising link on its free Facebook page, if that page is maintained by volunteers and there is no added cost. The general rule is still that organization expenditures for party candidate listings cannot be solicitations. This exception is limited to communications of *de minimis* value and only to electronic communications (email, social media, text). See P.A. 25-26 Sec. 1.



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Primary Participants – Upcoming CEP 10/11 Deadline and Weekly Supplemental Filings

Upcoming CEP 10/11 Deadline for Primary Participants

Candidates in a primary are reminded that their Affidavit of Intent to Abide by Expenditure Limits and Other Program Requirements (SEEC Form CEP 10) or, in the case of those opting not to participate, their Affidavit of Intent Not to Abide by Expenditure Limits (SEEC Form CEP 11), is due by 4:00 pm on July 17, 2026. Candidates not in a primary have until 4:00 pm on September 24, 2026 to submit their CEP 10 or 11.

All General Assembly and statewide office candidates are required to submit one of these affidavits, with the exception of candidates who, when registering as a candidate, filed a 1B exemption from forming a candidate committee.

Weekly Supplemental Filings Set to Begin for Most Primary Participants

Every candidate committee in a primary in which there is at least one candidate participating in the CEP must file weekly supplemental statements with the Commission beginning with the second Thursday following the July quarterly filing through the Thursday before the primary.

Name of Report	Period Covered	Filing Deadline
First Weekly Supplemental Primary	07/01/26 – 07/21/26	07/23/26
Second Weekly Supplemental Primary	07/22/26 – 07/28/26	07/30/26
Final Weekly Supplemental Primary	07/29/26 – 08/04/26	08/06/26

For candidate committees in a primary in which neither candidate is participating, the 7th day preceding election filing is due on August 4, 2026, covering the period of July 1, 2026 through August 2, 2026.



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Minor Party and Petitioning Candidates Interested in Participating in the CEP

To qualify for a grant from the Citizens' Election Program, General Assembly candidates must demonstrate they have adequate support from the public by meeting a three-part threshold – (1) they must raise an aggregate amount of small-dollar qualifying contributions, which varies depending on the office sought; (2) they must receive qualifying contributions from a certain number of individuals residing in their district, which varies depending on the office sought; and (3) they must obtain access to the ballot.

A major party is defined as a political party whose candidate for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election received at least 20% of the whole number of votes cast or a political party having a number of enrolled members on the active voter registry list of at least 20% of the total number of enrolled members of all parties on the active voter registry list at the time of the last gubernatorial election. A candidate who has obtained the nomination of a major party is eligible for a full general election grant base amount.

Minor party candidates and petitioning candidates are also eligible for public grants. A minor party candidate is eligible for a full general election grant if the candidate has obtained the nomination of a minor party whose candidate seeking election for the same office in the same district at the last preceding regular election received at least 20% of the votes cast for that office. A petitioning candidate is also eligible for a full general election grant if the candidate has obtained ballot access by utilizing the nominating petition procedure and has obtained petition signatures from electors equaling at least 20% of the votes cast for that office in the prior general election.

A minor party candidate is eligible for two thirds of a full general election grant if the minor party's previous candidate received at least 15% of the votes cast for the office and one third of a general election grant if the party's previous candidate received at least 10% of the votes cast for that office. Similarly, a petitioning candidate is eligible for a two-thirds grant if they obtain petition signatures by electors equaling at least 15% of the votes cast for that office in the prior election and one third of a general election grant if they collect signatures equaling at least 10% of the last votes cast.

If you are a minor party candidate or a petitioning candidate and are interested in participating in the CEP, please contact your elections officer as soon as possible so we can go over the process in greater detail with you and your campaign staff.





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SEEC WEDDINGS

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Staff Spotlight

We are delighted to honor our colleagues getting married this season. Please join us in celebrating Kaitlin, Nathan, Nicole, and Rhonda. May their new journeys be filled with love, joy, and countless blessings as they begin this beautiful chapter of life.