

# State Elections Enforcement Commission

## Citizens' Election Program



Press Release

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### STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION ANNOUNCES AWARDING OF PUBLIC GRANTS

HARTFORD, CT – July 2, 2014 – The State Elections Enforcement Commission (the “Commission”) announced that it will make public grant payments under the Citizens’ Election Program for the July 22, 2014 special election, the August 12, 2014 primaries, and the November 4, 2014 general election. The Commission determined that state representative candidates James Albis (D – 99th District), Elizabeth Boukus (D – 22nd District), Cecilia Buck-Taylor (R – 67th District), Richard Field (D – 53rd District), Auden Grogins (D – 129th District), Douglas McCrory (D – 7th District), Michael Meadows (R – 47th District), Kim Rose (D – 118th District), Anthony Salvatore (D – 32nd District), and Matthew Wagner (D – 133rd District) were eligible to receive Program grants. The Commission also determined that state senate candidates Dante Bartolomeo (D – 13th District), Timothy Larson (D – 3rd District), and Anthony Musto (D – 22nd District) were eligible to receive Program grants. Gubernatorial candidate Thomas Foley (R), Attorney General candidate George Jepsen (D), and Lieutenant Governor candidate Heather Somers (R) were also eligible to receive statewide Program grants. In addition, state representative candidate Ben McGorty (R) was eligible to receive a Program grant for the July 22 special election in the 122nd district.

The Citizens’ Election Program is a voluntary program which allows qualifying candidates to receive full public financing. To qualify for public campaign financing, candidates must demonstrate they have adequate support from the public. Candidates for state representative accomplish this by raising \$5,000 from at least 150 individuals residing in municipalities in their district. Candidates for state senate accomplish this by raising \$15,000 from at least 300 individuals residing in municipalities in their district. Candidates for Governor accomplish this by raising \$250,000 of which \$225,000 must be from individuals residing in the state. Candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General accomplish this by raising \$75,000 of which \$67,500 must be from individuals residing in the state. Participating candidates may only accept small dollar contributions from certain individuals and no contributions from state contractors or PACs.

Grant amounts vary. Typically, primary grant amounts are \$11,140 for state representative candidates and \$38,990 for state senate candidates, but amounts are higher if the candidates run in districts where one major party has a large advantage in the number of electors registered with that party. In most races, general election grant amounts are \$27,850 for state representative candidates and \$94,690 for state senate candidates. Grants for qualified CEP candidates for Governor that are participating in primaries will be \$1,354,250. Grants for such candidates in the general election will be \$6,500,400. Grants for qualified CEP candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General in primaries will be \$406,275. Grants for such candidates in the general election will be \$812,550, excluding Lieutenant Governor. The Commission will be accepting applications from candidates in primaries until July 18th.

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