

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 16, 2014 – The State Elections Enforcement Commission (the “Commission”) announced that it will make public grant payments under the Citizens’ Election Program for the August 12, 2014 primaries, and the November 4, 2014 general election. The Commission determined that state representative candidates Alfred Adinolfi (R—103rd District), Larry Butler (D—72nd District), Kim Fawcett (D—28th District), Mike France (R—42nd District), Linda Gentile (D—104th district), Tony Guererra (D—29th District), Laura Hoydick (R—120th District), Katherine Pugliese (R—22nd District), Kathleen Richards (D—32nd District), and Michael Vickerelli (R—122nd District) were eligible to receive Program grants. The Commission also determined that state senate candidates Emily Bjornberg (D—33rd District), John French (R—29th District), and William Satti (D—20th District) were eligible to receive Program grants. The joint committee for Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidates John McKinney (R) and David Walker (R) was also determined to be eligible to receive a statewide Program grant.

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. 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. The Commission will be accepting applications from candidates in primaries until July 18th.

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