

Title 33 State Board of Elections

Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing

Chapter 14 Public Financing

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-505, Annotated Code of Maryland

.04 Agency Responsibilities.

The State Board shall:

A. (text unchanged)

B. Determine whether a candidate has qualified for public financing *based on the criteria established by the governing body of the county*;

C. Determine whether a candidate has raised sufficient seed money to qualify to receive public funds, if seed money is required under the county's public financing system; [and]

D. Notify the chief financial officer of the county as to which candidates have qualified for public financing based on the criteria established by the governing body of the county and campaign finance reports filed; and

[D.] E. Promptly after the gubernatorial general election, *provide assistance, if requested, to the chief financial officer of the county administering the public election fund in the audit of all campaign finance reports and other documents submitted by a publicly funded candidate.*

.05 County Responsibilities.

The governing body of a county shall:

A. Establish the qualifications, requirements, and deadlines to participate in and qualify for public campaign financing;

B. Establish the permitted uses of public election funds;

C. Provide for sufficient personnel to administer and implement the system for public campaign financing; and

D. Establish administrative penalties for violations of the system of public campaign financing and identify the agency responsible for the enforcement of penalties.

.06 Chief Financial Officer Responsibilities.

The chief financial officer of the county shall:

A. Administer the public election fund;

B. Credit to the public election fund all money collected for the public election fund;

C. Promptly disburse any public contribution from the Fund to any qualified and eligible candidate;

D. In consultation with the State Board, provide full information to the public, to candidates, and to any other interested party on the process of administering the public election fund and on the requirements for obtaining public financing; and

E. Promptly after the primary or general election for elective offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government, audit all campaign finance reports and other documents submitted by a publicly funded candidate for that election.

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