

2014 Pilot Public Financing Program for the Office of the State Comptroller

Public Financing Payment Information

Eligibility for Public Funds

The New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE) will begin disbursing public funds payments for the 2014 Primary and General Election for the Office of the State Comptroller. To be eligible to receive payment, Program participants must:

- Be a candidate in a covered election;
- Meet all the requirements to have his/her name on the ballot;
- In the case of a Primary* or General Election, be opposed by another on the ballot who is not a write-in candidate;
- Submit the 2014 Certification Form;
- Be certified as a participating candidate by NYSBOE;
- Make no expenditures from personal funds or property that is jointly held by the candidate, the candidate's spouse or any un-emancipated children except as a contribution subject to limits;
- Meet the threshold for eligibility;
- Continue to abide by all requirements during the Post-Election Period.

*There are limited circumstances where a candidate who is not opposed by another candidate on a Primary Ballot may be eligible for funds before the Primary.

Campaigns that do not meet these requirements will not receive payment until all requirements are met.

Timing of Payment

NYSBOE shall make any payment of Matching Funds to participating candidates as soon as is practicable; verifying eligibility for the funds within four days of receiving the applicable campaign contribution report. Within two days of determining eligibility, NYSBOE will pay the applicable Matching Funds owed to the candidate, transferring them directly into an authorized committee bank account. Note: Payments are subject to the additional audit and timing provisions of 92-T of the State Finance Law.

To receive Matching Funds in a timely manner, participants must have:

- Submitted a complete campaign contribution report to NYSBOE by 1:00 p.m. on the due date; and
- Submitted all backup documentation for any matching claims by 1:00 p.m. on the due date.

Note: Deficiencies that are discovered during the Board's review of matchable fund claims and related submissions will result in the delay of either full or partial payment. NYSBOE will contact participants who are not receiving payment regarding these reporting deficiencies via email.

Tips for Complying with the Program

To ensure your campaign is in full compliance with the Program, you should:

- Actively screen for over-the-limit and prohibited contributions prior to deposit and reporting;
- Promptly refund by bank or certified check any contributions accepted and deposits that are in violation of Program requirements;
- Accurately and timely report all transactions;
- Cooperate with NYSBOE's audit process by maintaining all required documentation; and provide it to NYSBOE promptly upon request.