



Public subsidy agreement 2023-2024

Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

What is the public subsidy agreement?

The public subsidy agreement is a voluntary agreement that a candidate enters into with the Board. The agreement binds the committee to voluntary campaign spending and candidate contribution limits for the current election cycle. The candidate must sign the public subsidy agreement to make his or her committee eligible for the public subsidy program.

When is the public subsidy agreement due?

The agreement must be signed and filed with the Board no later than three weeks before the primary election. This year the deadline for signing and filing public subsidy agreements is July 23, 2024.

What are the campaign spending and candidate contribution limits?

For the 2023-2024 election cycle segment, the campaign spending limit and the candidate contribution limit are as follows:

Office	2023 – 2024 Base Campaign Spending Limit	2023 - 2024 Candidate's Personal Contribution Limit
Governor/Lt. Governor	\$1,882,000	\$10,000
Attorney General	\$251,100	\$7,500
Secretary of State and State Auditor	\$125,700	\$5,000
Senate	\$36,400	\$5,000
House of Representatives	\$80,300	\$5,000

First-time candidates and candidates in closely contested primaries may be eligible for an increase to the base campaign spending limit. For more information, please see the Board's contribution and spending limits bulletin.

Are there any other obligations in the public subsidy agreement?

Yes. The candidate agrees to not make any independent expenditures during the election cycle. In addition, the agreement also requires committees to include closed captioning on all professionally produced visual or audio recordings of two minutes or less produced to influence the nomination or election of the candidate by broadcast television, cable television, the candidate's website, and radio. For radio spots, the captioning may be posted on the candidate's website. If the candidate cannot or chooses not to provide closed captioning, the candidate must file a statement with the Board listing the reasons for not doing so before the advertisement is disseminated.