

# CLEAN ELECTIONS. 2020 Quick Facts

## What is a Participating Candidate?

A participating candidate is an individual who has decided to run in 2020 for a Statewide office or the Legislature, agrees not to accept special interest monies and adheres to the Citizens Clean Elections Act and commission rules. In return, the participating candidate will receive funding from the Citizens Clean Elections Fund. In order for a candidate to receive funding, the participating candidate must collect a specified number of \$5 Qualifying Contributions from registered voters within his or her district for a legislative candidate or registered voters in Arizona for a Statewide candidate.

## Limitations Applicable to Participating Candidates

**Early Contribution Limits** (Collected and spent during the exploratory period and through July 28, 2020.)

- Individuals may contribute up to a maximum of \$170.
- Contributions from political action committees (PACs), businesses, corporations, political parties and labor unions are prohibited.
- Candidates may contribute his or her personal funds up to a maximum amount of \$770 for candidates for the legislature and \$1,520 for candidates for Statewide offices. The personal contribution limit includes contributions received from certain family members.
- Candidates' total early contributions must not exceed the amount specified below.
- A traditional candidate who later chooses to run as a participating candidate may not have spent contributions exceeding the individual early contribution limit of \$170 or exceeding the aggregate early contribution limit for the specified office.

Corporation Commission	State Legislature
\$29,004	\$4,530

**\$5 Qualifying Contributions** (Collected between August 1, 2019 through July 28, 2020.)

- Candidates must collect a minimum number of qualifying contributions.

Corporation Commission	State Legislature
1,500	200

## Training Workshops & Debates

- A participating candidate is required to attend a Commission's training workshop. Workshops begin soon.
- A participating candidate must attend a Commission sponsored debate.

## Candidate Funding & Expenditures

### Expenditures

- A participating candidate must adhere to expenditure limits and may not make expenditures in excess of the cash on hand. Cash on hand includes both early contributions received and candidate funding.

### Candidate Funding

- In 2020 candidates running for the following offices are eligible to apply for Clean Elections funding.

Election Funding	Corporation Commission	State Legislature
Primary	\$116,016	\$18,121
General	\$174,024	\$27,182
Independents	\$203,028	\$31,712