

STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

REVISED CONTRIBUTION LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS

CHART 1 - INDIVIDUALS AND COMMITTEES

April 2017

		Contributor Sources									
Committee Type (received by)		Individual ¹	State Central Party Committee	Town Committee	Political Committee 2 or more Individuals	Political Committee Business Entity ¹	Political Committee Labor Organization ¹	Political Committee Established for single election ¹	Legislative Leadership or Caucus Committee	Business Entity	Referendum Political Committee
NON PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES	Candidate (Governor) ²	3,500	50,000	7,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (Lt. Gov., SOTS, Treasurer, Comptroller, AG) ²	2,000	35,000	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (State Senator) ²	1,000	10,000	5,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	10,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (State Representative) ²	250	5,000	3,000	750	750	750	750	5,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES	Candidate (Governor) ³	100	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (Lt. Gov., SOTS, Treasurer, Comptroller, AG) ³	100	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (State Senator) ³	100	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (State Representative) ³	100	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Exploratory Committee (Statewide Office and/or General Assembly - not including State Rep.) ⁴	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Exploratory Committee (Statewide Office and/or General Assembly - including State Rep.) ⁴	250	375	375	375	375	375	375	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (Probate Judge) ²	1,000	10,000	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (Chief Executive Officer of Town) ²	1,000	10,000	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (All other Municipal Offices) ²	250	5,000	1,500	375	375	375	375	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Candidate (Town Committee Primary) ⁵	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	PROHIBITED	UNLIMITED	PROHIBITED
	Exploratory committee (Municipal Office Only)	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Political Slate Committee (Municipal Office Only)	1,000/yr	2,500/yr	1,500/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Political Slate Committee (Town Committee Primary) ⁵	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	PROHIBITED	UNLIMITED	PROHIBITED
	Party Committee (Town)	2,000/yr	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	1,500/yr	1,500/yr	1,500/yr	1,500/yr	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Party Committee (State Central)	10,000/yr	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	7,500/yr	7,500/yr	7,500/yr	7,500/yr	10,000/yr	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Legislative Caucus or Leadership Committee	2,000/yr	10,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Traditional Political Committee (2 or more Individuals)	1,000/yr	2,500/yr	1,500/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Traditional Political Committee (Business Entity)	1,000/yr	2,500/yr	1,500/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Traditional Political Committee (Organization)	750/yr ⁶	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED
	Referendum Committee	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	UNLIMITED	2,000	PROHIBITED	\$.10 / Resident ⁷	PROHIBITED
	National Committee of a Political Party ⁸	SEE NOTE 8	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	SEE NOTE 8	PROHIBITED
	Federal or Out of State Candidate Committee ⁸	SEE NOTE 8	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	SEE NOTE 8	PROHIBITED

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CHART 2 - SPECIAL DONOR RESTRICTIONS

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		Contributor Sources								
Committee Type (received by)		Communicator Lobbyist (Individual) ⁹	State Contractor, Prospective State Contractor, Principal of State Contractor, Principal of Prospective State Contractor (Individual) ¹²	Principal of Prequalified State Contractor (Individual)	Certain Executive Branch Agency Officials and Employees	Certain Constitutional Officer Agency Officials and Employees	Certain Legislative Branch Caucus Staff	Minor Children ²⁷	Communicator Lobbyist (Political Committee)	Principal of State Contractor or Prospective State Contractor (Political Committee)
NON PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES	Candidate (Governor) ²	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹³	PROHIBITED	100 ¹⁶	3,500	3,500	30	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ²⁴
	Candidate (Lt. Governor) ²	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹³	PROHIBITED	100 ¹⁶	2,000	2,000	30	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ²⁴
	Candidate (SOTS, Treasurer, Comptroller, AG) ²	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹³	PROHIBITED	2,000	100 ¹⁸	2,000	30	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ²⁴
	Candidate (State Senator) ²	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹⁴	PROHIBITED	1,000	1,000	100 ²⁰	30	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ²⁵
	Candidate (State Representative) ²	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹⁴	PROHIBITED	250	250	100 ²⁰	30	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ²⁵
PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES	Candidate (Governor) ³	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹⁵	PROHIBITED	100	100	100	30 ²⁷	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED ²⁴
	Candidate (Lt. Governor) ³	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹⁵	PROHIBITED	100	100	100	30 ²⁷	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED ²⁴
	Candidate (SOTS, Treasurer, Comptroller, AG) ³	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹⁵	PROHIBITED	100	100	100	30 ²⁷	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED ²⁴
	Candidate (State Senator) ³	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹⁵	PROHIBITED	100	100	100	30 ²⁷	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED ²⁵
	Candidate (State Representative) ³	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹⁵	PROHIBITED	100	100	100	30 ²⁷	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED ²⁵
	Exploratory Committee (Statewide Office and/or General Assembly - not including State Rep.) ⁴	100 ^{10,11}	PROHIBITED ^{13,14}	PROHIBITED	375	375	375	30	100 ^{10,11}	PROHIBITED ^{24,25}
	Exploratory Committee (Statewide Office and/or General Assembly - including State Rep.) ⁴	100 ^{10,11}	PROHIBITED ^{13,14}	PROHIBITED	250	250	250	30	100 ^{10,11}	PROHIBITED ^{24,25}
	Candidate (Probate Judge) ²	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	30	1,500	1,500
	Candidate (Chief Executive Officer of Town) ²	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	30	1,500	1,500
	Candidate (All other Municipal Offices) ²	250	250	250	250	250	250	30	375	375
	Candidate (Town Committee Primary) ⁵	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED
	Exploratory committee (Municipal Office Only)	375	375	375	375	375	375	30	375	375
	Political Slate Committee (Municipal Office Only)	1,000/yr	1,000/yr	1,000/yr	1,000/yr	1,000/yr	1,000/yr	30	2,000/yr	2,000/yr
	Political Slate Committee (Town Committee Primary) ²	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED
	Party Committee (Town)	100	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	30/yr	100 ⁹	PROHIBITED
	Party Committee (State Central)	100	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	10,000/yr	10,000/yr	10,000/yr	30/yr	100 ⁹	PROHIBITED
	Legislative Caucus or Leadership Committee	100 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED ¹⁴	PROHIBITED ²³	2,000/yr	2,000/yr	100/yr	30/yr	100 ⁹	PROHIBITED ²⁵
	Traditional Political Committee (2 or more Individuals)	100 ^{22,28}	PROHIBITED ^{13,14}	PROHIBITED ²³	100/yr ^{16,17}	100/yr ^{18,19}	100/yr ^{20,21}	30/yr	100 ^{26,28}	PROHIBITED ^{24,25}
Traditional Political Committee (Business Entity)	1,000/yr ²⁸	PROHIBITED ^{13,14}	PROHIBITED ²³	1,000/yr	1,000/yr	1,000/yr	30/yr	2,000/yr ²⁸	PROHIBITED ^{24,25}	
Traditional Political Committee (Organization)	750/yr ^{6,28}	PROHIBITED ^{6,13,14}	PROHIBITED ^{6,23}	750/yr ⁶	750/yr ⁶	750/yr ⁶	30/yr ⁶	2,000/yr ²⁸	PROHIBITED ^{24,25}	
Referendum Committee	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	30/yr	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	

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FOOTNOTES

- ¹ For special donor restrictions, see Chart 2.
- ² Contribution limits to nonparticipating statewide office and General Assembly, judge of probate and municipal candidate committees apply separately to primaries and elections. Contributions received on or before day of primary are counted toward primary; contributions received after primary are counted toward election. Candidate must compete in primary for separate primary limit to apply and in election for separate election limit to apply.
- ³ Statewide office and General Assembly candidates participating in the voluntary Citizens' Election Program, which provides public financing to qualified candidates, agree to receive contributions from individual human beings between \$5 and \$100 and not contributions from party committees or political committees.
- ⁴ Exploratory candidates who are considering participating in the CEP may begin raising potential qualifying contributions (which must be from individuals and no more than \$100) while in exploratory committee.
- ⁵ Candidates in a primary for town committee member are not subject to contribution limits or restrictions set forth in Sections 9-611 to 9-620 of the Connecticut General Statutes, unless they have designated a town committee as their sole funding source (in which case, the contribution limits to a town committee apply).
- ⁶ Individual contributions may only be made by members of the organization provided the organization has elected to fund its political committee from voluntary member contributions. If the organization elects to fund its political committee through the organization's treasury, then it may not receive contributions from individuals.
- ⁷ Business entities, trade and professional associations, labor unions, and other organizations may contribute up to 10 cents per individual residing in the state or political subdivision in which such referendum question is to be voted upon.
- ⁸ Limitations are subject to federal law.
- ⁹ A communicator lobbyist is an individual who receives or agrees to receive \$3,000 or more in a calendar year for lobbying. The limits also apply to the spouse and dependent children of a communicator lobbyist.
- ¹⁰ During any regular legislative session or during special sessions or vote-override sessions in odd-numbered years, such contributions are prohibited.
- ¹¹ Reduced limit applies to exploratory committee of a candidate considering Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of the State, Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, State Senator and/or State Representative. For other offices, \$375 limitation applies.
- ¹² If state contractor has a contract valued at \$50,000 or more with the state or a single state or quasi-public agency in the **executive** branch, or separate contracts valued at \$100,000 or more in a calendar year with multiple state or quasi-public agencies in the executive branch, then its principals are prohibited from contributing to candidate or exploratory committees for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, or Attorney General and any political committee authorized to make contributions to such candidates. The prohibition also applies to the principals of any prospective contractor which submits a bid or proposal in response to an invitation or request by a state or quasi-public agency that is valued at \$50,000 or more while the bid or proposal is under consideration by the agency. If a state contractor has a contract valued at \$50,000 or more with the state or a single state or quasi-public agency in the **legislative** branch, or separate contracts valued together at \$100,000 or more in a calendar year with multiple state or quasi-public agencies in the legislative branch, then its principals are prohibited from contributing to candidate or exploratory committees for the offices of State Senator or State Representative or any political committee authorized to make contributions to any such candidates. Principals of state contractors or prospective state contractors are defined in Section 9-612(f)(1)(F) of the General Statutes and include spouse and dependent children eighteen years of age or older. **Candidates participating in the CEP cannot accept contributions from state contractors of either branch.**
- ¹³ Prohibition applies if contract, bid or proposal is with **executive** branch agency and meets financial threshold. If contract, bid or proposal is with **legislative** branch, then principal may contribute to nonparticipating statewide office candidate and exploratory committees and political committees not authorized to spend on General Assembly candidates, subject to the same limits as any other individual.
- ¹⁴ Prohibition applies if contract, bid or proposal is with **legislative** branch agency and meets financial threshold. If contract, bid or proposal is with **executive** branch agency or quasi-public agency, then principal may contribute to nonparticipating state senate or state representative candidate and exploratory committees and political committees not authorized to spend on statewide office candidates, subject to the same limits as any other individual.
- ¹⁵ Candidates participating in the CEP may not receive contributions from either executive or legislative branch state contractors.
- ¹⁶ Reduced limits apply to executive heads of executive branch and quasi-public agencies, their deputies, and other full-time officials and employees appointed by the Governor and/or in the unclassified service, as well as their spouse and dependent children.
- ¹⁷ Reduced limit applies to a political committee established by a candidate for Governor or Lt. Governor; otherwise, the limit is \$1,000/year.
- ¹⁸ Reduced limits apply to officials or employees of constitutional offices giving to a candidate running for the office in which such official or employee serves, as well as their spouse and dependent children.
- ¹⁹ Reduced limit applies to a political committee which is established by a candidate for the office in which such official serves; otherwise, the limit is \$1,000/year.
- ²⁰ Reduced limits apply to members of a caucus staff for a major party in the General Assembly, as well as their spouse and dependent children.
- ²¹ Reduced limit applies to a political committee which is established by a General Assembly candidate; otherwise, the limit is \$1,000/year.
- ²² Reduced limit applies to a political committee established or controlled by a candidate for statewide office or General Assembly, and incumbents in such offices; otherwise, the limit is \$1,000/year.
- ²³ Prohibition applies to all political committees authorized to spend on statewide office and/or General Assembly candidates.
- ²⁴ Prohibition applies if contract, bid or proposal is with executive branch agency and meets financial threshold or if affiliated principal is a holder of a valid prequalification certificate from the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the recipient political committee is authorized to contribute to executive branch candidates. If contract, bid or proposal is with legislative branch, then principal (political committee) may contribute to candidate or exploratory committee of a statewide office candidate who is not participating, or to a political committee authorized to contribute to statewide office candidates subject to the same limits as any other political committee (\$375 for exploratory committee; \$2,000 for political committee). Participating candidates may not accept contributions from any political committees, regardless of whether it is a state contractor and with which branch.
- ²⁵ Prohibition applies if contract, bid or proposal is with legislative branch agency and meets financial threshold or if affiliated principal is a holder of a valid prequalification certificate from the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the recipient political committee is authorized to contribute to General Assembly candidates. If contract, bid or proposal is with executive branch agency or quasi-public agency, then principal (political committee) may contribute to candidate or exploratory committee of a General Assembly candidate who is not participating or to a political committee authorized to contribute to such candidates, subject to the same limits as any other political committee (\$375 for exploratory committee; \$2,000 for political committee). Participating candidates may not accept contributions from any political committees, regardless of whether it is a state contractor and with which branch.
- ²⁶ Reduced limit applies to political committee established or controlled by a candidate for Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, State Senator or Representative; otherwise, the limit is \$2,000/year.
- ²⁷ Minor Child is defined as less than 18 years of age. For participating candidates, contributions from children under 12 are prohibited.
- ²⁸ During any regular legislature session or during special sessions or vote-override sessions in odd-numbered years, such contributions are prohibited if the recipient political committee is: (1) established for an assembly or senatorial district; (2) established by a member of the General Assembly or a State Officer or their agent, or in consultation with any member, officer or agent; or (3) controlled by such member, officer or agent to promote a General Assembly or Statewide Office candidate.