

State Elections Enforcement Commission

Press Release



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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION ADOPTS DECLARATORY RULING CONCERNING GRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR MINOR PARTIES AND AWARDS PUBLIC GRANT PAYMENTS TO QUALIFYING CANDIDATES

HARTFORD, CT— July 16, 2008 - The Commission voted to adopt a declaratory ruling concerning the grant eligibility for certain candidates who qualified for ballot access as minor parties. The adopted declaratory ruling clarifies the manner of qualifying for a public grant for minor party candidates from a party whose candidate for the same office received between one and ten percent of the votes cast for such office at the last regular election.

These minor party candidates may qualify for a grant by meeting the required threshold of contributions and circulating nominating petitions that are issued by the Secretary of the State. In addition to serving as the vehicle for ballot access, petitions for nomination play a key role in the State Elections Enforcement Commission's determination of whether certain candidates may receive public funds from the Citizens' Election Program.

The State Elections Enforcement Commission also awarded twelve more public grants from the Citizens' Election Fund to candidates running in the November 2008 election. Grants were awarded to the following candidates: Charles D. Clemons, Jr., Andres Ayala, Jeanne W. Stevens, Christopher A. Wright, Abraham L. Giles, Susan M. Johnson, Thomas J. Kehoe, Timothy J. Ackert, Timothy B. LeGeyt, Joseph S. Hachey, Robert T. Keeley, Jr. and Diana S. Urban. To date eight candidates for state senator and forty five candidates for state representative have been awarded public grants for the 2008 General Assembly elections. There are 211 participating candidates and seven nonparticipating. The deadline for Affidavit of Intent to Abide or Not Abide for a Primary is July 18, 2008; the grant application deadline for a primary is July 18th.

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SEEC Grants Awards to Candidate Only Three Commission Meetings Remain

HARTFORD, CT – September 26, 2008 – The State Elections Enforcement Commission approved 27 grant applications at the Commission meeting Wednesday. The grant application deadline is October 10th

The final three Commission meetings to consider grant applications are October 1st, October 8th and October 15th. Candidates who have not yet applied for a grant must submit their applications before 5:00 p.m. October 2nd to be considered at the October 8th meeting. The Commission has encouraged applicants to apply early to avoid missing critical deadlines which would result in failure to qualify for a grant.

To date, 270 candidates have declared that they intend to participate in the Citizens' Election Program for the 2008 General Election; 62 State Senate candidates and 208 State Representative candidates.

Since the program was launched June 3, 2008, 155 candidates have received General Election Grants from the Citizens' Election Program; 22 State Senate grants and 133 State Representative grants.

The following candidates received grants Wednesday: Themis Klarides, Lori Musco, Bob Duff, Catherine Johnson, Michelle Cook, David Bauer, Scott Saunders, Ellen Wink, Deb Peruzotti, Kathy Tallarita, Richard Ferrari, Robert Russo, Michael Royston, John Rigby, Timothy O'Brien, Lawrence Miller, John Harkins, Brett Eisenlohr, Gail Hamm, John Hetherington, Robert Godfrey, Jim O'Rourke, Ryan Barry, John Piscopo, Robert Heagney, Matthew Conway and Christopher Perone.