

# State Elections Enforcement Commission

## Press Release



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### **STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AWARDS PUBLIC GRANT PAYMENTS TO SIX MORE QUALIFYING CANDIDATES**

**HARTFORD, CT**— August 8, 2008 – The State Elections Enforcement Commission has awarded six more grants from the Citizens' Election Program at the Wednesday Commission meeting. The following candidates received grants: George Colli, Penny Bacchiochi, T.R. Rowe, Elissa Wright, Demetrios Giannaros and Janice Giegler.

This is the first year that Public Campaign Financing is available and candidates are preparing for the August 12th primary. There will be nineteen primary races this Tuesday with 40 candidates involved in races across the state - thirty-four candidates have received primary grants from the Citizens' Election Program.

As of August 6th, there are 52 Senate candidates participating in the Program: 29 Democrat, 22 Republican and 1 Working Families, and there are 178 House candidates: 105 Democrat, 71 Republican, 1 Working Families and 1 Independent.

11 candidates who have opted to not participate in the Program. The deadline for a candidate to opt "in" or "out" is Thursday, September 25th.

To date, 18 candidates for State Senator and 73 candidates for State Representative have been awarded public grants during the three month period following the close of party conventions and caucuses.

Nine Commission meetings remain between now and October 10th 2008; which, is the application deadline to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Program.

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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 10<sup>th</sup>

The final three Commission meetings to consider grant applications are October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. Candidates who have not yet applied for a grant must submit their applications before 5:00 p.m. October 2<sup>nd</sup> to be considered at the October 8<sup>th</sup> 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.