

State Elections Enforcement Commission

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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION FOCUSES ON GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

HARTFORD, CT— September 9, 2008 – Only 30 days remain for participating candidates to apply for a grant from the Citizens' Election Program. The Citizens' Election Program is a voluntary program which allows qualifying candidates for statewide offices and the General Assembly to receive full public financing. To qualify for the Program, a candidate must forego PAC money, raise small contributions from individuals and adhere to campaign spending limits and other restrictions. To date, 244 candidates have declared that they will participate in the Program; 55 Senate and 189 House candidates.

As the October 10th grant application deadline approaches the Commission notes that it has awarded 90 General Election grants to participating candidates who have applied. At the September 4th Commission meeting grants were awarded to: David D. McCluskey, John W. Thompson, Claire L. Janowski, Jason W. Bartlett, Linda A. Orange, William R. Melillo, Beth Bye and Anthony J. D'Amelio. The Commission will consider 15 applications at the September 10th meeting.

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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.