



## **New York’s Public Campaign Finance Program Authorizes Its First Matching Funds Payments**

*The PCFB has authorized payment to thirty-seven committees for State Senate & State Assembly.*

**ALBANY, N.Y. (05/07/2024)** The New York State Public Campaign Finance Board authorized its first round of public matching funds payments to participating committees today. Thirty-seven committees will receive payment electronically through the New York Statewide Financial System (SFS) for the first scheduled payment issuance date for the 2024 election cycle on May 13, 2024. The Primary Election is on June 25, 2024.

“The first payments from the state’s public matching funds program have been authorized to be paid. This is a major milestone in encouraging qualified candidates to run for office to increase public participation in our electoral process. I’m so pleased with the progression of the PCFB program and the effort that has gone into ensuring it serves our registered candidates and committees, as well as the voters of New York State,” stated Chair Barbara Lifton.

“PCFB staff has put in tremendous time and effort to ensure that all matching claims have been reviewed for eligibility. This will remain a top priority when it comes to being a steward of taxpayers’ money,” said Vice Chair Brian Kolb.

In the program, for a contribution to be matched with public funds, it must be between \$5 and \$250 in the aggregate, from a resident of the district the candidate seeks to represent, and reported in full by the committee to the PCFB, along with required documentation.

To receive public matching funds, participating candidates were required to register and certify in the program, hit fundraising thresholds, complete mandatory training, qualify for the ballot, and abide by all program requirements. PCFB staff has worked with participants and the Office of the New York State Comptroller to streamline the payment process and ensure that all committees provide the appropriate information for timely electronic payments.

“We are proud to have this first round of public matching funds authorized to candidates running in State Senate and State Assembly districts across the state. We anticipate strong participation throughout the Primary and in the General Election. Our staff will continue working with participants to ensure future claims are diligently reviewed, verified, and authorized,” stated PCFB Co-Director Cheryl Couser.

“Today marks a big milestone for this program. Since its launch in November 2022, we have been looking forward to the day of providing these payments to participating candidates who have met all requirements to receive the matching funds,” said PCFB Co-Director Carl Zeilman.

For more information about the Public Campaign Finance Program, visit <https://pcfb.ny.gov>. If you have any questions about this press release, please contact Kathleen McGrath or Jennifer Wilson at the New York State Board of Elections Public Information Office at (518) 474-1953 or [info@elections.ny.gov](mailto:info@elections.ny.gov).