

## Question Addressed in Draft Council Bill

The following table summarizes key elements of the proposed Seattle Public Campaign Financing Program.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Does a candidate need an opponent to qualify for matching funds?	<b>YES</b>
How many contributors does a candidate need to qualify?	<b>600</b>
What is the minimum qualifying donation value?	<b>\$10</b>
What is the maximum value of a qualifying donation that will be matched	<b>\$50</b>
At what rate will qualifying donations be matched?	<b>6:1</b>
What is the maximum amount a participant can receive?	<b>\$210,000</b>
What is the maximum amount a participant can receive in the Primary?	<b>\$105,000</b>
What is the maximum amount a participant can receive in the Primary if they only have one opponent?	<b>\$36,000</b>
Must qualifying donations come from <i>residents</i> of Seattle?	<b>YES</b>
Must qualifying donations come from <i>registered voters</i> in Seattle?	<b>NO</b>
Must qualifying donations come from <i>individuals</i> (not corporations or groups)?	<b>YES</b>
Are participants prohibited from taking donations from corporations or groups?	<b>NO</b>
When do you need to declare your intent to participate in the program?	<b><i>Between Jan.1 and May 31 of the election year</i></b>
How long do you have to collect the minimum qualifying contributions to officially become eligible for public match funds?	<b><i>5 months – Jan. 1 to May 31</i></b>
Once you are certified to have qualified for the program, when does the first disbursement of public funds happen?	<b><i>One week after the last day of official King County filing week</i></b>
When are subsequent public funds disbursed?	<b><i>On a rolling basis – minimum \$1,000 in matching contributions claims (\$200 within 14 days of an election)</i></b>
Should participants be held to a spending limit?	<b>YES</b>
What should that Cap be?	<b><i>\$140,000 in the Primary and \$245,000 Overall</i></b>
Should there be different Caps for races with only two candidates that would not appear on the Primary election ballot?	<b>YES</b>

What should the Cap be for two-candidate races?	<b><i>\$71,000 in the Primary and \$176,000 Overall</i></b>
Should that limit be lifted in the event the <i>combined spending and funds raised by an opponent and Independent groups supporting the opponent</i> exceed the limit?	<b>YES</b>
How will Independent Expenditures be attributed to specific candidates?	<b><i>SEEC Director will make initial determination based on assessment of which candidate(s) benefited</i></b>  <b><i>The Commission would hear appeals</i></b>
When the Cap is lifted, is it removed entirely or incrementally?	<b><i>Entirely</i></b>
What other key requirements are in place for becoming a Participating Candidate?	<b><i>Agree to participate in a minimum of 3 public forums or debates</i></b>
Should the program <i>and</i> the administration of it be funded by a tax levy?	<b>YES</b>
What should be the term of the levy?	<b><i>6 years</i></b>
What elements of the program can be modified by the Council?	<b><i>Any program dollar value by no more than 15% or number of matching contributions by no more than 100 after Commission has made a recommendation</i></b>
<b>*What should be the amount of the levy?</b>	<b><i>\$2M per year</i></b>
<b>*Does an opponent need to meet a specific threshold prior to a Participating Candidate being eligible for full amount of matching funds?</b>	<b>YES</b> <b><i>\$6,000 raised or be Participating Candidate</i></b>
<b>*Is there a limit on how much in personal funds a participant can contribute or loan to their own campaign?</b>	<b>YES - \$5,000</b>
<b>*Should the spending limit also be combined with a fundraising limit to set a Program Cap?</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>*What happens to the Program if the District elections ballot measure is approved by voters?</b>	<b><i>Program would only apply to "at-large" Council seats elected citywide</i></b>

***\*Policy items identified for additional discussion today – June 10, 2013***