

# Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

## PUBLIC SUBSIDY AGREEMENT

### State Auditor

Candidate's Name	
Office Sought <b>State Auditor</b>	
Telephone with area code	Email address
Committee registration number	

#### Terms of Agreement:

As a candidate for the office of State Auditor, I wish to participate in Minnesota's public subsidy system, which consists of a political contribution refund program and a program of direct payments to candidates. I understand that signing this agreement does not guarantee that I will receive direct payments under that portion of the public subsidy system. As a condition of participating in the public subsidy programs, I hereby agree to the following:

1. I and my principal campaign committee will abide by the statutory campaign expenditure limit for a State Auditor candidate through December 31, 2018. I understand that campaign expenditures include the total of my committee's monetary campaign expenditures, in-kind campaign expenditures, and unpaid campaign expenditures. The base spending limit for my committee during the two-year period 2015 – 2016 is \$104,400. The base spending limit for my committee during the two-year period 2017 – 2018 is currently \$417,300.
2. I will not contribute to my principal campaign committee more than \$5,000 in total during the two-year period from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016, and I will not contribute to my principal campaign committee more than \$10,000 in total during the two-year period from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018. I understand that my contribution total includes my cash and in-kind contributions and the outstanding balance of any loans I make to my principal campaign committee.
3. My principal campaign committee will return with its 2018 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures the amount of public subsidy received (if any) that exceeds my actual campaign expenditures.
4. I and my principal campaign committee will make no independent expenditures.
5. I and my principal campaign committee will comply with Minnesota Statutes section 10A.38, which relates to closed captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons.

I have read and understand this Agreement and I understand that it is a binding legal contract. I know that once I sign and file it, I may not cancel or rescind it even if I do not meet the other requirements to receive direct payments of public subsidy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

**Statement of qualification for first-time candidate campaign expenditure limit increase (see instructions).** I have reviewed the requirements for a first-time campaign expenditure increase and by signing below, I claim eligibility for this increase.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

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**Why file this agreement.** This agreement must be completed and filed by candidates for constitutional office as a condition of eligibility for the political contribution refund program and the direct payments program of the Minnesota public subsidy system. You may not issue political contribution refund receipts until you sign and file this agreement.

**How to file this agreement.** This agreement may be filed by mailing it to: Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, 658 Cedar Street, Suite 190, St. Paul, MN 55155. It may also be filed by fax to 651-539-1196 or 800-357-4114 or by email to [cf.board@state.mn.us](mailto:cf.board@state.mn.us).

**You must confirm the filing of this agreement.** An agreement that is lost in the mail or is the subject of a failed or unreceived fax or email is not a filed agreement. After you file this agreement, you should confirm its receipt and filing by the Board. You may do this by checking the candidate information link on the Board's website at <https://cfb.mn.gov/> or by calling 651-539-1187.

**Deadline: To qualify for participation in the direct payments portion of the public subsidy system, this agreement must be signed and filed with the Board no later than July 24, 2018.**

**For assistance:** Questions may be directed to Board staff at 651-539-1187 or 800-657-3889.

#### **Additional requirements to qualify for direct payments of public subsidy**

Signing and filing this public subsidy agreement is just one step in qualifying for direct public subsidy payments. To be eligible to receive direct payments of public subsidy funds you must also:

1. Raise at least \$6,000 in monetary contributions between January 1, 2017, and July 23, 2018, from persons eligible to vote in Minnesota. To count a contribution in this total:
  - You must have the name and address of the contributor, no matter how small the contribution;
  - You may count only the first \$50 received from each contributor; and
  - You may not count in-kind contributions.
2. File, no later than July 30, 2018, a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Contributions verifying that the required amount of qualifying contributions was received.
3. Be on the general election ballot either because you won the primary election or you had no opponent in the primary election.

#### **Spending limit increase for candidates running for office for the first time**

The spending limit is increased by 10% for a candidate who has not previously held the same office, whose name has not previously been on the primary or general election ballot for that office, and who has not in the past 10 years raised or spent more than \$750 to run for any other office whose territory now includes a population that is more than one-third of the population in the territory of the new office.

If you meet the above requirements for a spending limit increase, sign the statement of qualification for the first-time candidate campaign expenditure limit increase at the bottom of the public subsidy agreement form.

#### **Closed captioning**

As a condition of eligibility for the public subsidy programs, you agree to provide closed captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons, as required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.38. This statute requires closed captioning on all professionally produced visual or audio recordings of two minutes or less produced for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of the candidate by broadcast television, cable television, candidate's web site, and radio. For radio spots, the captioning may be posted on the candidate's website. If the candidate cannot or chooses not to provide closed captioning, the candidate must file a statement with the Board setting forth the reasons for not doing so before the advertisement is disseminated.