



July 8, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Public Campaign Financing Application and Certification

Dear Candidate Seeking Public Campaign Financing,

We have run through the Public Campaign Finance Code to give you the proper dates, application, and reporting information. Our current codes has some inconsistencies that I am clarifying in this letter, so that you understand the expectation for you at the end of the Qualifying Period on July 21, 2025.

Submission of your application for public campaign financing. You have until 11:59 pm on July 21, 2025, to obtain signatures and qualifying contributions. As such, we will give you until 4:00 pm, Wednesday, July 23, 2025, to submit your application and documentation to be a Publicly Financed Candidate. We require you schedule an appointment to deliver your documentation and sign your certification for application with us, please contact Erika Quintana at efquintana@santafenm.gov or (505) 955-6326. You will need to submit the following documents to the City Clerk by July 23, 2025:

- (1) A sworn declaration of candidacy in the form prescribed by Section 1-22-8 NMSA 1978 (attached to this email and on the New Mexico Secretary of State's website);
- (2) Your nominating petitions containing the number of signatures specified for the office sought pursuant to Section 4.03 of the Santa Fe Municipal Charter (Mayor – 312, Council District 1 – 100, Council District 2 – 91, Council District 3 – 54, Council District 4 – 69);
- (3) Reports listing all seed money contributions and qualifying contributions received by the candidate and all expenditures of seed money contributions made by the candidate, and showing the aggregate amounts of all such contributions and expenditures and the aggregate amounts of all contributions received from each contributor (forms are attached to this email);
- (4) Copies of forms signed by contributors for all seed money contributions and qualifying contributions received by the candidate;



(5) A check or checks issued to the City of Santa Fe from the candidate's campaign depository for the amount of all qualifying contributions received by the candidate and all seed money contributions received by the candidate except:

- (a) Amounts previously spent for the purposes specified in paragraph A of subsection 9-3.6 SFCC 1987; and
- (b) The amount, if any, that has been temporarily retained by the candidate for the purpose of keeping open the bank account in the campaign depository pursuant to paragraph E of subsection 9-3.6 SFCC 1987.

Attached to this email are the forms and reports that you will need to submit for your certification, please bring all signed nominating petitions (we will print all electronic petitions), seed money and qualifying contribution forms, as well as two checks- one for seed money account closure and one for the qualifying contribution payment, and your declaration of candidacy (you can sign and have it notarized at the City Clerk's Office). The forms will also be on the City's website if you need them, including the Certification as a Publicly Financed Candidate you will be signing at the City Clerk's Office.

Qualified Small Contributions. Pursuant to Santa Fe City Code (SFCC) Sections 9-3.12 and 9-3.13, a publicly financed candidate may accept these contributions from any single contributor in the amount not to exceed \$100 once a candidate is certified as a publicly financed candidate until their campaign finance statement is due at 5:00 pm on the 30th day preceding the election (October 5, 2025), these contributions must be included in this 30th day report. It is important to note that after the City opted-in to the Local Election Act the Public Campaign Finance Section of the Code adopted the campaign finance statement reporting requirements under SFCC Section 9-2.10 and 9-2.11, superseding the reporting language under 9-3.13(A)(B) and requires reporting to be consistent with SFCC Section 9-2.10, pursuant to SFCC Section 9-3.14. These sections will be revised after this election cycle to ensure they are no longer confusing, but all reporting and deadlines must be in line with Section 9-2.10.

Publicly Financed Candidate Certification. The certification of a publicly financed candidate occurs pursuant to SFCC Section 9-3.9 and NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-3.2(D)(3). The City Clerk will submit the packets to the County Clerk and the County Clerk has three days to notify the City Clerk if you are qualified to be a publicly financed candidate. Once we receive the verified list, we will place the list of certified publicly financed candidates on our website.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: Andréa Salazar, asalazar@santafenm.gov, Geralyn Cardenas, gfcardenas@santafenm.gov, Erika Quintana, efquintana@santafenm.gov.

Thank you,



Andréa Salazar, City Clerk