

Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission: Democracy Voucher Program Update

Commission Meeting: January 7, 2026

Invoicing

Distributed \$3,710,300 representing redeemed 148,412 vouchers.

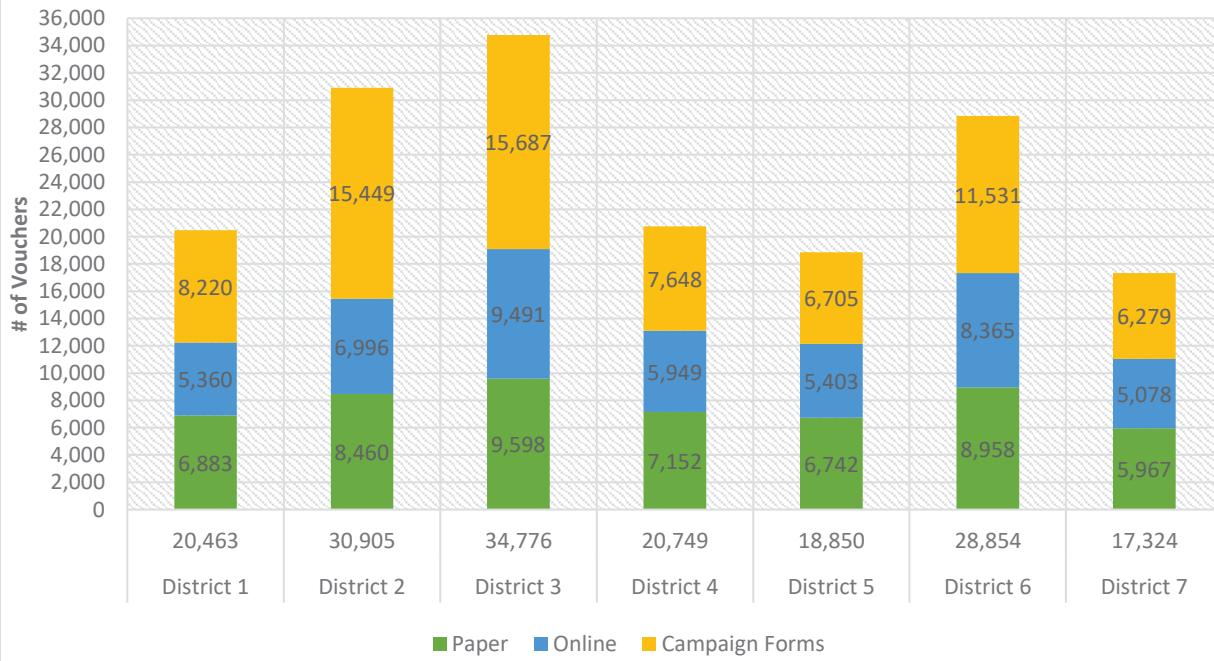
Democracy Vouchers

To date, 171,945 vouchers have been returned, representing 45,773 Seattle residents.

- Paper: 53,764, 31%
- Online: 46,662, 27%
- Campaign Forms: 71,519, 42%

Utilization of Available Program Funds			
Year	Available Funds	Distributed Funds	Utilization Rate
2017	\$3,000,000	\$1,140,525	38%
2019	\$4,200,000	\$2,454,475	58%
2021	\$6,800,000	\$3,397,050	50%
2023	\$5,250,000	\$2,286,750	44%
2024	\$1,800,000	\$766,025	43%
2025	\$9,000,000	\$3,710,300	41%

2025 Returned Vouchers Type and District



Voucher district totals do not include vouchers from residents in the Address Confidentiality Program.

Outreach

The following four organizations were selected for the 2026 D5 Democracy Voucher Outreach Fund:

- Literacy Source
- Lake City Collective
- Korean American Coalition
- WashingtonCAN