

# Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission: Democracy Voucher Program Update

## Commission Meeting: May 6, 2026

### Candidates

The four candidates running are using DVP and two have qualified for funding.

### Invoicing

Distributed \$142,350, representing redeemed 2,847 (\$50) vouchers.

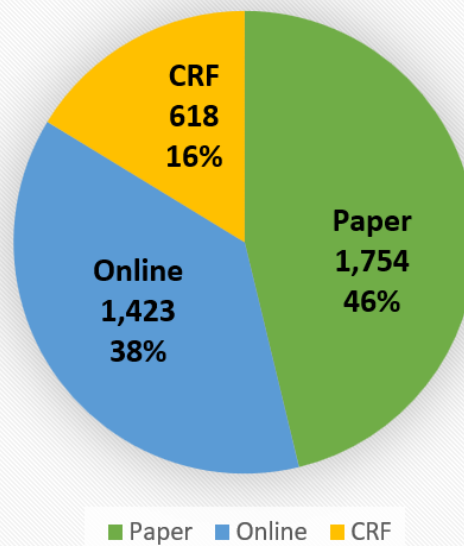
### Democracy Vouchers

To date, 3,795 vouchers have been returned, representing 1,951 Seattle residents.

### 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%
2026	\$900,000	\$142,350	16%

### 2026 Voucher Returns by Type



### Media and Outreach

- Haller Lake Candidate Meet and Greet Tabling – completed May 7th
- Literacy Source Presentation – completed May 16th
- Final List of Candidates media push – Week of June 1st