

DVP UPDATE FOR CAMPAIGNS #1

December 2024



IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 9, 2025** - City Council candidates must establish residency by this date.
- **February 24, 2025** - First week vouchers are available to Seattle residents. DVP will mail four \$25 vouchers to Seattle residents and send emails to online users. Additionally, campaigns may begin collecting Campaign Replacement Forms.
- **May 5 - 9, 2025** - Filing week at King County Elections.
- **May 23, 2025** - Last chance for candidates to enter the Democracy Voucher Program by signing the Pledge.
- **August 5, 2025** - Primary Election Day.
- **November 4, 2025** - General Election Day.

HELPFUL LINKS

- [2024 DVP Toolkit and other resources](#)
- [SMC 2.04](#) (Elections Code)
- [SEEC Elections Code Rules](#)
- [DVP Website](#)
- [DVP Program Data](#)
- [SEEC Elections website](#)
- [2025 Candidate Resources - Coming Soon!](#)

OFFICES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Mayor, City Attorney, City Council Positions 2, 8, and 9.

The Democracy Voucher Program has \$9 million set aside for DVP candidates in 2025.

2025 - CANDIDATE LIMITS AND REQUIREMENTS

Details for each office can be found here:

seattle.gov/documents/Departments/EthicsElections/Commission/Code%20and%20Rules/MCVandContributionLimits_02072024.pdf

Maximum Campaign Valuation (MCV) - DVP candidates have a limit to how much they can raise and spend. Amounts vary by office.

DVP Contribution Limits - DVP candidates have a limit to how much they can receive from an individual contributor. The limits, including the value of vouchers, vary by office.

Release from Limits - There are provisions in the Code that allow DVP candidates to request release from the DVP contribution and MCV limits if certain conditions are met. (SMC 2.04.634B)

Non-DVP Candidate Limits - Candidates running for any office who are not participating in the DVP can accept individual contributions of up to \$650. Non-DVP candidates have no spending limit.

Qualifying Signatures and Contributions - DVP candidates must collect a minimum number of each to qualify for funding. The required numbers vary by office.

Interested in
participating in the
2025 election?

**Contact us to
schedule a training!**