

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN THE 2025 SEATTLE ELECTION?

Use Democracy Vouchers to fund your Campaign!

How the Program Works

In 2025, the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC) will distribute four Democracy Vouchers valued at \$25 each to eligible Seattle residents.

Residents assign vouchers to participating candidates they support. The SEEC verifies the vouchers and issues funds to the campaign.

Become a Candidate

- ✓ Schedule a one-on-one training.
- ✓ Pledge to be a Democracy Voucher candidate.
- ✓ Collect Democracy Vouchers from Seattle residents.
- ✓ Qualify for the program to receive funds.
- ✓ Fund your campaign!

Frequently Asked Questions

How much funding is available for campaigns?

For 2025, \$9 million is available for candidates to fund their campaigns.

Which positions are eligible for funding?

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

How much funding can each candidate get?

| Spending Limits for Participating Candidates | City Attorney | City Council At-Large | City Council District | Mayor |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Campaign Spending Limits for Primary Election | \$225,000 | \$225,000 | \$112,500 | \$450,000 |
| Combined Campaign Spending Limits for Primary and General Election | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$225,000 | \$900,000 |



2025 AT A GLANCE

- **January 1, 2024** - Election cycle begins.
- **January 9, 2025** - Candidates must establish Seattle residency by this date.
- **February 24, 2025** - Democracy Vouchers are mailed and candidates may begin collecting vouchers.
- **May 5-9, 2025** - All candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy with King County Elections.
- **May 23, 2025** - This is the last day candidates can pledge to join the Democracy Voucher Program.
- **August 5, 2025** - Primary Election Day.
- **November 4, 2025** - General Election Day.

How Do I Get Started?

Contact us to schedule a one-on-one training:



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