

## *Survey of Colorado Home Rule Municipalities*

Volunteers from the League of Women Voters surveyed 29 municipalities to learn what campaign finance laws are in effect in Colorado. As predicted, most cities follow state law, although there are some specific variations. This report includes the map of geographic distribution of reported municipalities. The survey questions are listed, and the responses for each municipality are included.

### *Geographic Distribution of Surveyed Colorado Home Rule Municipalities*

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## *Survey Questions*

**Contributions:** Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates?

**Spending Limits:** Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns?

**Public Financing:** Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc.?

**Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) disclosed?

**Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/or spending for issue campaigns?

**"Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

**Enforcement:** How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Louisville CO

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**Mayor, \$100**

Contribution Limit:

**City Council Member, \$100**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Laws apply to those supporting or opposing Louisville ballot measures.

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified. Expenditures of more than \$20 are to be reported.

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

Additional details:

Expenditures of more than \$20 must be reported to the City Clerk.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

Contributions greater than \$20 must be reported. Expenditures greater than \$20 must be reported.

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Candidates and committees are required to report to the City Clerk expenditures and contributions. No mention of fines or punishment.

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Morrison

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**follows state laws, Morrison has no laws of its own**

**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**follows state laws, Morrison has no laws of its own**

**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

follows state laws, Morrison has no laws of its own

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

Additional details:

Town administrator says that nobody spends any money on their campaigns

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

follows state laws, Morrison has no laws of its own

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

Town administrator says that nobody spends any money on their campaigns

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Follows state law

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## #3

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Ward

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Respondent skipped this question

**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

The mayor reports that no contributions have been made in Ward's elections.

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Respondent skipped this question

**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

The mayor reports that the only spending is for a single handout by one candidate.

**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

The mayor reports that no money has been spent on issue campaigns

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

The mayor reports no dark money contributions

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

The mayor reports no enforcement provisions.

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## #4

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Grand Junction

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Follows State law. Political parties: \$3,650/ yr/ person (no more than \$3,050 to state party); \$18,425/ yr from Small Donor Committees (no more than \$15,350 to state party) Political Committees: \$575 Small Donor Committees: \$50 max by natural persons who are US citizens only Issue Committees & Independent Expenditure Committees: no contribution limits for state committees

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Follows State law. State law provides for voluntary spending limits, municipalities and counties are not addressed.

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

Additional details:

Following State Law: candidates cannot receive contributions from independent expenditure committees. Independent expenditure committees may accept unlimited donations. Independent expenditure committees must itemize all expenditures of more than \$20 and all donations of more than \$250. Monetary penalties are provided for failure to register or to file reports.

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

Following State Law: Contribution limits do not apply to issue committees, except that Colorado law prohibits contributions made with the expectation that the committee will reimburse all or part of the contribution. Committees must file a Major Contribution report in the TRACER system within 24 hours of receiving any contribution of \$1,000 or more within 30 days of the primary or general election. Issue Committees must report donations as do candidate committees

**Q9 "Dark Money" (money contributed by undisclosed donors):** Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Following State law. Any person who believes a violation has occurred may file a complaint with the Secretary of State's office. If the complaint is in order, the SOS's office will refer the complaint to an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Courts. SOS does not investigate or prosecute complaints.

## #5

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Wheat Ridge

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**No Limits****Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Adopted Colorado Codes and Colorado Campaign &amp; Political Finance Manual

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**No Limits****Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Adopted Colorado Codes and Colorado Campaign &amp; Political Finance Manual

**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

Additional details:

As required by State Election Codes.

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

As per Colorado Codes and Colorado Campaign & Political Finance Manualer

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

City Clerk was unaware of any Independent Expenditure Committees.

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

City Clerk is the designated enforcement official. No fines or sanctions within the last 6 years

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## #6

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Arvada

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**No person or entity shall make contributions or contributions in kind as those terms are defined in C.R.S. § 1-45-103(4), as amended, to a candidate (mayor, at large, or district) or candidate committee which, in the aggregate, exceed \$750.00 for mayoral and at large or \$500.00 for district in amount or value.**

**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

The limitation imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply only to regular municipal and special elections. (d) The limitation imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply only to contributions or contributions in kind made directly to the candidate or candidate committee in a municipal election. (e) There shall be no violation of this article in the event that a: (1) Monetary contribution, in excess of the amount set forth in section 30-7, is returned to the contributor as set forth in section 30-8. (2) Candidate uses good faith in attempting to place a reasonable estimate of fair market value on a contribution in kind in excess of the amount set forth in section 30-7, and the value of such excess contribution in kind or the actual excess contribution in kind is returned to the contributor as set forth in section 30-8.

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q5 Spending Limits:** Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

The limitation imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to: (1) Contributions of a candidate's personal funds, the funds of the candidate's immediate family, or a business entity in which the candidate owns at least five percent to the candidate's own campaign; or (2) Any loan which is personally guaranteed in writing by the candidate, the candidate's immediate family, or a business entity in which the candidate owns at least five percent; or (3) Any loan which is secured by real or personal property owned by the candidate, the candidate's immediate family, or a business entity in which the candidate owns at least five percent. For purpose of this section, the term "immediate family" shall include spouse, child, parent, or sibling whether by blood, adoption, marriage, or common-law marriage.

**Q6 Public Financing:** Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

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Additional details:

There is no provision in the city codes concerning independent expenditures.

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No

**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

Not reported

**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

For purposes of this section, the term "receipt" shall mean the date upon which the candidate knows or reasonably should know that an excess monetary contribution or contribution in kind has been received. (b) In the event a candidate receives monetary contributions or contributions in kind which exceeds the aggregate limit set forth in section 30-7, such candidate shall make a good faith attempt to return the excess amount to the contributor by personally returning the excess amount or by placing the excess contribution in the U.S. mail with a complete address and sufficient postage. The good faith attempt to return an excess contribution shall take place no later than seven days following the receipt of such excess contribution.

## #7

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Jefferson County

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**Jefferson County Candidates other than DA (unlimited), except no corporations.**

Contribution Limit:

**Jefferson County DA: \$200 for personal donation/committee or business other than corporations. \$2,425 for any small donor committee. \$15,975 for party donations.****Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Corporations are not allowed to give to any county candidate.

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000**Respondent skipped this question****Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.**Respondent skipped this question****Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

Additional details:

In the past election the DA received over a \$1M in campaign funds for an ad campaign that was independent of Jake Lilly.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

not certain

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Although there are fines levied if identified it requires someone to report an infraction.

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## #8

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Broomfield

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**no**

Contribution Limit:

**no**

Contribution Limit:

**no****Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Broomfield candidates and committees may receive any dollar amount. There is no cap on how much one individual can donate to a candidate or committee.

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**no**

Spending Limits:

**no**

Spending Limits:

**no****Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified.

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**Q6 Public Financing:** Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

no

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**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

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Additional details:

Any person who makes an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more must file with the Broomfield Elections Division.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

Issue Campaigns must register. Broomfield recognizes a small-scale issue committee as receiving or spending less than \$5000. Different reporting rules apply to small-scale committees

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

In the 2016 elections large sums of money from Common Sense Values IEC were spent against a candidate for Colorado House District 33

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

The Elections Division imposes a penalty of \$50 per day for every day a report is late, including weekends and holidays.

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## #9

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Boulder

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:  
**\$100**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

All candidates for Boulder City Council, all official candidate committees and all unofficial candidate committees (Contribution limits apply whether or not a candidate receives public matching funds.): \$100

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Qualifying Boulder candidates accepting matching funds agree to limit their spending. Adjustment formulas are specified.

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

Boulder does provide matching funds to qualifying candidates. Candidates are NOT required to apply for public funding

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**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

Additional details:

Persons spending more than \$200 must report the expenditure within 24 hours to all candidates and to the Boulder City Clerk. The name of the person making the expenditure must be disclosed in all political messages. Independent expenditures are NOT coordinated with campaign committees.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

Boulder recognizes and defines issue campaigns. Issue campaigns must make the same committee filings and election reports as other campaigns committees. No specified limits on contributions or spending.

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

We have not found evidence of dark money in Boulder elections.

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Boulder City Council is empowered to create an advisory committee for enforcement. The city attorney enforces the ordinance. Any registered elector may bring civil action. The city attorney may pursue civil action against violators

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Denver

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**Mayor, \$100**

Contribution Limit:

**Auditor, Councilmember-at-Large, Judge, Clerk &  
Recorder; \$2000**

Contribution Limit:

**District Councilmember, \$1,000**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Every campaign that receives \$500 or more or pays expenses of \$500 or more is required to report all contributions, expenditures, in-kind contributions, loans, and overdue obligations.

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**no**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

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**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

**Q8** Issue Campaigns: Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

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**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q9** "Dark Money" (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

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**Q10** Enforcement: We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Violations maybe reported to the clerk and record who will appoint a hearing offer to investigate. If probable cause is found, the hearing officer will notify the city attorney

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## #11

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Longmont, CO

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**City council: \$240 from natural person**

Contribution Limit:

**City council: \$610 from other than natural person, business, corporation, political committee**

Contribution Limit:

**City council: Coins and currency**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Requirements to report contributions in 3 reporting periods during the Campaign and 1 after the campaign. Forms are public record on the city clerks website. Must also report in-kind donations.

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**No**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Spending must be reported to the city clerk and posted on city website within 72 hours of distribution.

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

Additional details:

These must all be reported. If more than \$50 (cumulative) must identify name, address and amount. Posted on city clerk's website within 72 hours. This reporting is required of individuals and organizations. And is required if you are for or against the candidate.

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

Must file as an issue committee and report 3 times during campaign and once after campaign. Posted on city clerk's website.

**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

Had been in past but city clerk does not know of any since Fair Campaign Practices Act were put in place in 2000. She did comment that since its been 17 years, it might be time to revisit.

**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Anyone can complete violation form. City clerk investigates. Fines for violations.



## #12

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Colorado Springs

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**None****Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Allows donations from corporations and labor organizations

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**None****Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.**Respondent skipped this question****Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

Additional details:

Political committees are required to register and report if they spend over \$200 in an election cycle.

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

Issue committees are divided into two types, small scale (which accepts or makes contributions or expenditures in an amount that does not exceed \$5,000.00 during an applicable election cycle) and issue committees (spends or accepts more than \$5,000). Small scale committees are required to register and report if they spend more than \$200 on an issue in an election cycle, while issue committee are required to register and report if they spend more than \$5000 in an election cycle. There are no limits on contributions.

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

Yes - the April 2019 City Council election attracted several hundred thousand dollars in outside money. The money was spent on several city council district seats, but primarily for two districts. The beneficiaries of the largest expenditures in those two districts lost on election day.

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

There are civil penalties prescribe by ordinance, but no one has been penalized to our knowledge.

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## #13

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Gunnison

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**no limits****Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

the candidates report on the same format SOS but it is only kept on file.

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**no limits****Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.**Respondent skipped this question****Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

no public financing

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

no

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

no

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

no

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## #14

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Manitou Springs

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**None**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

There are no ordinances or charter requirements involving campaign finance

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**None**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

Since there are no reporting requirements, it's difficult to say. There are no on-the-ground reports of outside money.

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Nothing to enforce

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## #15

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Fountain

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

None

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

There are no ordinances or charter requirements involving campaign finance

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

None

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

Since there are no reporting requirements, it's difficult to say. There are no on-the-ground reports of outside money.

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Nothing to enforce

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## #16

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Woodland Park

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

None

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

There are no ordinances or charter requirements involving campaign finance

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

None

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

Since there are no reporting requirements, it's difficult to say. There are no on-the-ground reports of outside money.

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Nothing to enforce

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## #17

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Trinidad

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:  
**no**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:  
**no**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified.

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No regulations are specified

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

No regulations are specified

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## #18

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Timnath

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:  
**no**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Follows Colorado Municipal Election Laws

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:  
**no**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified.

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No regulations are specified

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

No regulations are specified

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## #19

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Greenwood Village

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**All candidates: \$2,000/ person/ candidate/ election**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Candidate campaign contributions, including in-kind contributions, are limited to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per person per candidate per election. Cash Limits: No person shall make any contribution in currency or coin exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in support of or in opposition to any candidate, political committee or issue

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**no**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Cash Limits: No candidate or political committee shall make any expenditure in currency or coin exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any purpose related to such candidate's campaign or to the passage or defeat of an issue.

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

Additional details:

Reporting requirements for expenditures of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more per calendar year on electioneering communications

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No regulations are specified

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

Suspected Violations are reported to the City Clerk who notifies the City Manager. An independent hearing officer determines whether a civil action is appropriate. Penalty: if a person violates the code, their office shall be vacated. The person may be fined and prohibited from running for election for a period of 4 years.

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## #20

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Lakewood

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**2,500 for City Council**

Contribution Limit:

**5,000 for mayor****Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.**Respondent skipped this question****Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**no spending limits****Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

no spending limits

**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

no

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

Any committee has to disclose where contributions of \$20 or more come from

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

the city clerk is not aware of dark money spent in past elections

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

fines are assessed for late reporting. All other enforcement is complaint driven.

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## #21

COMPLETE

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Yuma

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

no

**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified, state regulations are followed.

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

no

**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified.

**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

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 Additional details:  
 No regulations are reported.

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No regulations are specified

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

No regulations are specified

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## #22

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Evans

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

no

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified, state regulations are followed.

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

no

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits are specified, state regulations are followed.

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

Additional details:

No limits are specified, state regulations are followed.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No limits are specified, state regulations are followed.

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

No regulations are specified, state regulations are followed.

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## #23

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Northglenn

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

no

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Follows Colorado Municipal Election Laws

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

no

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Follows Colorado Municipal Election Laws

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

Additional details:

Follows Colorado Municipal Election Laws

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No limits are specified, state regulations are followed.

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

None reported

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

No regulations are specified, state regulations are followed.

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## #24

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Westminster

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**The City follows the NCPA rules and Colorado revised statutes**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

The City charter, section 5.12 and 5.12.1 contains a voluntary code of ethics related to campaign finance. Candidates must turn in a list of names for anyone making a campaign contribution over \$20.00. The city clerk prepares a list of names of developers that contribute over \$100 to any campaign.

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**City follows the FCPA guidelines for fair campaign finance**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

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**Q8** Issue Campaigns: Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

No

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**Q9** "Dark Money" (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

No, the City Clerk was elected in 2016 and has no experience with this issue. The upcoming election is her first election with the City

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**Q10** Enforcement: We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

No penalties. Elected officials are expected to recuse themselves from voting on issues that have a pecuniary benefit from a donor to his or her campaign. The City provides a list of all campaign donation donors over \$20.00 with their name and address. Contributors over \$100 are also asked to provide their employers name.

## #25

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Littleton

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**FCPA rules and Colorado revised statutes**

**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**No**

**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No

**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**No -- Reporting of independent expenditures is not required.**

Additional details:

The city requires reporting of contribution story candidates during and after campaigns are completed.

**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

The City has a couple of groups that are issues oriented but they don't turn in their contribution information and so far their contributions have not been out of line with past donations.

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

No, the City Clerk has not seen any dark money in the nine years that she has been clerk.

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

No

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## #26

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Golden

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**Mayor \$1000.**

Contribution Limit:

**District Councilor \$500.**

Contribution Limit:

**Ward Councilor \$250.**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

No limits on Candidate or family contributions. Reports required (name & address) of all contributions in kind contributions of \$20 or more. For contributions controlled by the candidate, Persons making expenditures of \$50. or more must report to the city clerk with descriptions of amount and date.

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**None**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

None

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**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

**Yes -- Independent expenditures are reported to election authorities**

Additional details:

Yes, independent expenditures of \$50. or more must be reported to the city clerk with a description and amount.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

no

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

not that they are aware of

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

The city requires candidates committees to report 30 days before, 14 days before, and the Friday before the election. Also a balanced of funds, total contributions received, total expenditures and name and address of financial institution are required. Any person making an expenditure of \$50. or more must report to the city clerk with a description of the service, date, and amount. The city does have fines and can take people to court when the rules are not followed.

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## #29

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Aspen, Colorado

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**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**City Council - \$250 Names of contributors and amt published 4 days before election.**

Contribution Limit:

**Mayor - \$250 published as for City Council members**

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**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Otherwise follows Colorado State Law

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**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Spending Limits:

**Colorado State law if any**

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**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

No

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**Q7 Independent Expenditures:** In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

Additional details:

All contributions and expenditures are to be reported. Independent expenditures not allowed. No false statements are to be circulated or broadcast in any way.

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**Q8 Issue Campaigns:** Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

\$250 limit for contributions that are recorded and published

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**Q9 "Dark Money"** (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

unknown

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**Q10 Enforcement:** We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

City Attorney or resident, criminal penalties, loss of elected position

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#30

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Aurora

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:

**Colorado State laws****Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Respondent skipped this question

**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

Respondent skipped this question

**Q8** Issue Campaigns: Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q9** "Dark Money" (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q10** Enforcement: We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

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Respondent skipped this question

#31

**COMPLETE**

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**Q1** For which municipality are you making this report?

Canon City

**Q2** Contributions: Does this municipality limit contributions to candidates? In the text boxes below, enter the office and the amount. For example, City Council Member \$100; City Election Clerk, \$100

Contribution Limit:  
**Colorado State laws**

**Q3** Contributions: Is there more to say about the contribution limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q4** Spending Limits: Does this municipality have spending limits on candidates' campaigns? Enter your information below. For example, City Council Member, \$10,000; City Elections Clerk, \$4,000

Respondent skipped this question

**Q5** Spending Limits: Is there more to say about the spending limits of this municipality? Add details here.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q6** Public Financing: Does this municipality have some form of public financing: matching funds, vouchers, etc? Give details below.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q7** Independent Expenditures: In this municipality, are people making independent expenditures (money spent to advocate for or against a candidate that is NOT coordinated with a campaign) required to disclose their spending to election authorities?

Respondent skipped this question

**Q8** Issue Campaigns: Does this municipality regulate contributions and/ or spending for issue campaigns? For example, ballot issues are often subject to intense campaigning, and they attract outside money -- how does this municipality address limits or disclosure for issues?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q9** "Dark Money" (money contributed by undisclosed donors): Has this municipality seen dark money in past elections? For which campaigns? Have you seen a result of that spending?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q10** Enforcement: We know that enforcement is an area of weakness in our campaign finance laws. How does this municipality enforce its laws? Are there penalties? Do you have information about fines or other sanctions?

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Respondent skipped this question