Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission: Democracy Voucher Program Update

Commission Meeting: November 5, 2025

Candidates - General

Office	Non-DVP Candidates	Number of DVP Candidates	Number of Qualified DVP Candidates	Reached Maximum Voucher Distribution
Mayor	0	2	2	Bruce Harrell
				Katie Wilson
City Attorney	0	2	2	Erika Evans
City Council 9	1	1	1	Dionne Foster
City Council 8	1	1	1	
City Council 2	0	2	2	
Total	2	8	8	

2025 Date of Release from Maximum Campaign Valuation and/or DVP contribution Limit - General						
Candidate	MCV	DVP Contribution Limit				
CC9 / Foster	8/8/2025					
CC9 / Foster		8/19/2025				
Mayor Harrell	10/2/25					
Mayor / Wilson	10/2/25					

Invoicing

Distributed \$3,623,250, representing 144,930 redeemed vouchers.

Democracy Vouchers

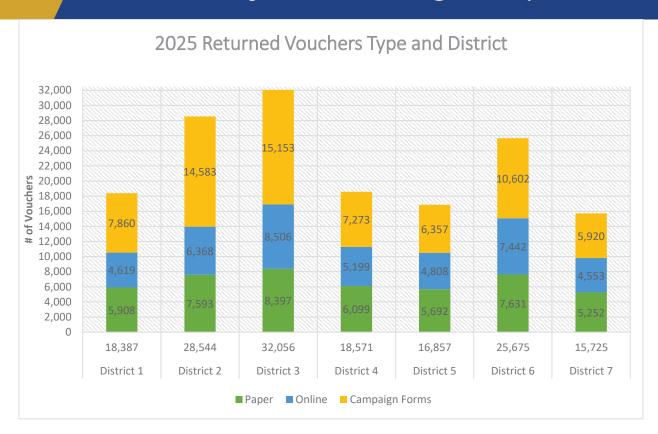
To date, 164,824 vouchers have been returned, representing 43,942 Seattle residents.

Paper: 46,572, 30%Online: 41,495, 27%

• Campaign Forms: 67,748, 43%

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	\$3,623,250	40%			

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Voucher district totals do not include returned ACP vouchers.

Upcoming

November 28th - The last day for vouchers to be assigned to candidates. Portal is shut down.

December 1st – Vouchers received after this day cannot be redeemed. We will continue to release funding to candidates after this date.