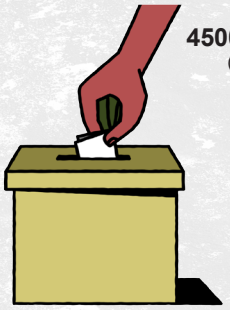
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Self-Funding Rules

This quick reference sheet outlines the rules for candidates who contribute their own funds to their campaign. Candidates should familiarize themselves with the self-funding rules before they start campaigning.

To ensure you understand the rules and requirements under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA), please review the detailed forms, guides, training materials and other resources on our website. Contact us at 1-800-661-8683 or electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca if you have questions.

What is self-funding

- The amount of money spent by a candidate in relation to their own campaign is considered a campaign contribution. Campaign contributions are subject to contribution limits ($1,429.70 in 2026).
- It is the responsibility of the financial agent to ensure all contributions, including self-funding, are eligible contributions.

Self-funding contributions

- Candidates endorsed by an elector organization may contribute their own funds, up to the annual contribution limit, to their own campaign or to their elector organization.
- Candidates who are not endorsed by an elector organization may contribute their own funds, up to the annual contribution limit, to their own campaign, and an additional amount up to the annual contribution limit in the year of the election (2026). These must be separate contributions to ensure they are amounts within the contribution limit.
- The value of a candidate's own property used for their own campaign is **not** a campaign contribution.

Expenses

- All campaign expenses must be paid or reimbursed through the campaign account, even if the expenses are paid with the candidate's own funds.

Resources

- Local guides
- Local forms
- Information sessions
- Online learning

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