

Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission: Democracy Voucher Program Update

Commission Meeting: October 2, 2024

Available Program Reports

After each election year, a biennial report is published describing various program activities, usage statistics, and spending.

Additionally, several external reports have been produced. These include reports we commissioned as well as those we have high confidence in the findings.

All can be found linked here: [Program Data - DemocracyVoucher | seattle.gov](#)

Candidates

Office	Non-DVP Candidates	Number of DVP Candidates	Number of Qualified DVP Candidates
City Council 8	0	4	3
Total	0	4	3

Invoicing

Invoiced \$629,325, representing 25,173 redeemed vouchers. No candidates have been released from the maximum campaign valuation or the contribution limit.

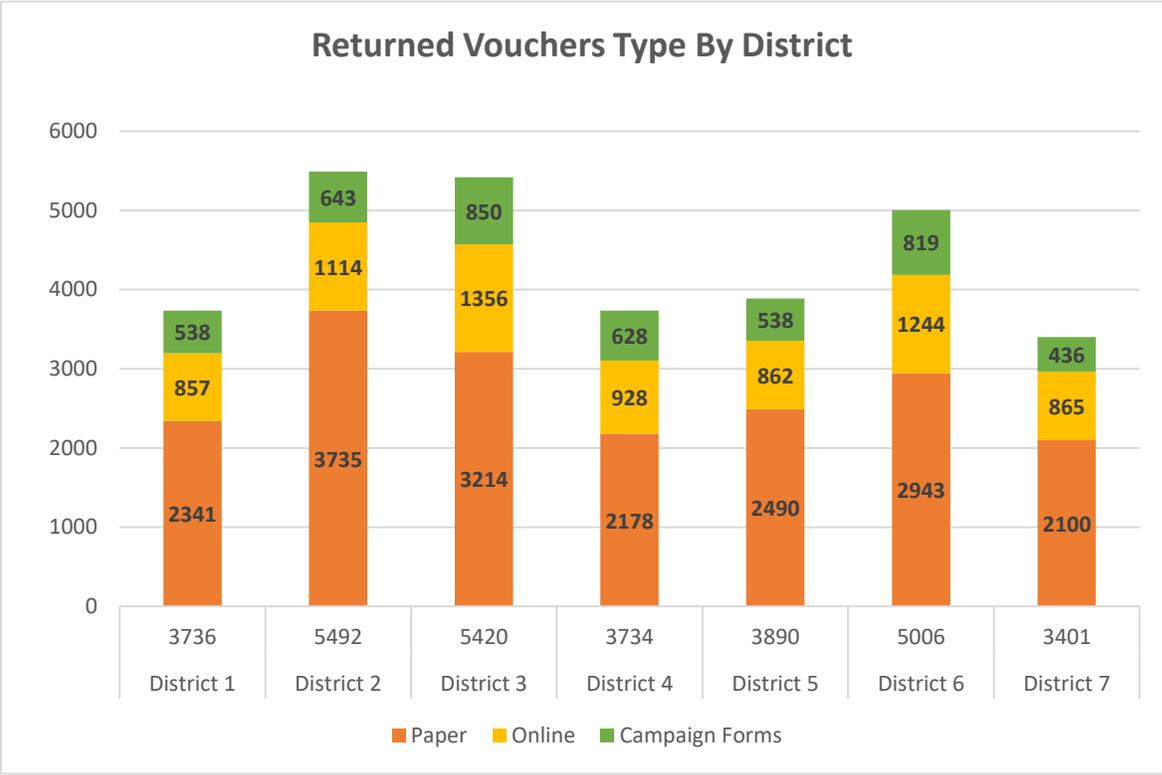
Utilization of Available Program Funds by Campaigns			
Year	Available Funds	Distributed Funds	Utilization Rate
2017	\$3,000,000	\$1,140,525	38%
2019	\$4,200,000	\$2,454,475	58%
2021	\$6,800,000	\$3,397,050	50%
2023	\$5,250,000	\$2,286,750	44%
2024	\$1,800,000	\$629,325	35%

Democracy Vouchers

30,679 vouchers have been returned, representing 15,529 Seattle residents.

- Paper: 19,001
- Online: 7,226
- Campaign Replacement Form: 4,452

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Outreach/RFP Schedule

- 2024 Democracy Voucher Outreach Fund**
- October 31 – Final reports are due
- 2025 Democracy Voucher Outreach Fund**
- October 11 – Outreach Fund Proposals are due
 - November 18 – Notice of Award
 - January 22 and January 25 – CBO Training Sessions
 - January 26 – Outreach activities may begin
 - October 31 – Final reports are due

DEMOCRACY VOUCHER OUTREACH FUND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS
DUE ON
OCTOBER 11

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