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State Public Financing Options 2015-2016 Election Cycle

State	Who qualifies?	Amount a Candidate Can Raise from a Single Source	Number of Contributions Needed to Qualify	Promise	Funding Level
Arizona 16 AZ ST Ch. 6, Art. 2	All statewide and legislative offices	\$5	200	No contributions from PACs, labor unions, corporations, or political parties	full
Connecticut C.G.S.A. § 9-157	All statewide and legislative offices	\$5-\$10	From 150 (state representative) to 900 (governor)	No contributions in excess of \$100 from any one source, give any excess contributions to the general fund	full
Florida West's F.S.A. §106.30	Governor and Cabinet members	\$250	600 (governor) to 400 (cabinet)	Limit expenditures to \$2/registered voter for governor and \$1/registered voter for cabinet, limit loans and contributions from political parties	partial
Hawaii HRS § 11-421	Governor, Mayor, Prosecutor, County Council, State legislative offices	\$100	From 15 (state representative) to 1,000 (governor)	Limit expenditures to numbers found in HRS § 11-423	partial
Maine 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1121	Governor, State Senate, State House	\$5	60-3,250 individuals	After choosing to participate, candidates cannot receive private contributions	full

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Maryland MD Code, Election Law, § 15-103	Governor, Lieutenant Governor	\$250	Must raise 10 percent of the maximum campaign expenditure limit	Must not exceed the maximum campaign expenditure limit, repay funds not used	partial
Massachusetts M.G.L.A. 55C § 1	Statewide offices	\$250	500	Must agree to spending limits, not solicit outside contributions	partial
Michigan M.C.L.A. 169.261	Governor	\$100	750	Spend no more than \$2 million on the election, can only make qualified expenditures	partial
Minnesota M.S.A. § 10A.31	Statewide and legislative offices	\$50	From 30 (state representative) to 70 (governor)	Agree to spend no more than a specific amount, listed in Minn. Stat. § 290.06, subd. 23	partial
New Jersey N.J.A.C. 19:25-16.1 N.J.A.C. 19:25-5.1	Governor	\$4,300	Must raise \$430,000 to qualify	Primary expenditure cap: \$6.4 million; General election cap: \$13.8 million; participate in two debates	partial
New Mexico N. M. S. A. 1978, §1-19A-10	Public Regulation Commissioner, Supreme Court Justices	\$100	For statewide, need contributions from 1/10 of 1 percent of voters in state, for public regulation, need contributions from 1/10 of 1 percent of voters in the district	Agree to spending requirements and not to raise money from other sources	Full
Rhode Island Gen. Laws 1956, §17-25-18	Statewide Offices	\$500	1,500	Agrees to only spend the money raised through public matching, and agrees to expenditure limits	partial

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Vermont 17 V.S.A. § 2981	Governor/Lieutenant Governor	\$50	750 (lieutenant governor) to 1,500 (governor)	Agrees to solicit no donations except qualifying contributions	partial
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West Virginia W. Va. Code, §3-12-1	Supreme Court Justices	\$100	350-500	Agrees to contribution and expenditure requirements, must not have raised more than \$20,000 before applying for public financing	partial

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