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## AT A GLANCE

### Campaign Finance Regulation and Disclosure

- Administers registration and reporting for about 850 candidates, 350 political party units, 450 political committees and funds, and 75 independent expenditure committees and funds.
- Approximately 5,500 campaign financial reports will be filed with the Board in 2022. All financial reports are available for public review on the Board's website.
- Between 2000 and 2020, independent expenditures reported to and regulated by the Board increased from \$3.7 million to over \$26 million, an increase of about 750%.
- The Board will distribute approximately \$2.4 million in public subsidy money to constitutional and legislative candidates in 2022.

### Lobbyist Registration and Disclosure

- Administers registration and reporting for about 1,450 lobbyists.
- Approximately 4,500 lobbyist reports filed each year.
- In 2021, the 1,442 principals represented by lobbyists reported over \$73 million in expenditures to influence the official actions of public officials.

### Public Officials Financial Disclosure

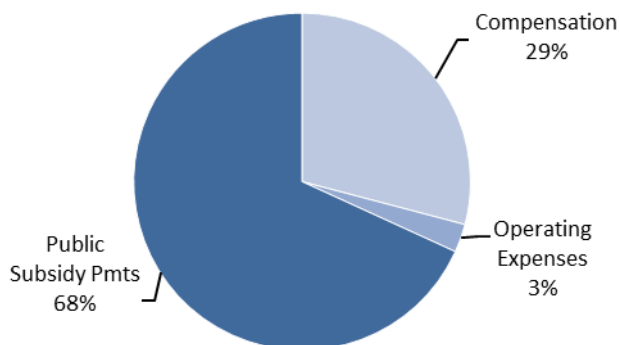
- Currently maintain economic interest disclosure for about 3,100 public official positions. Disclosure reported to the Board now includes county commissioners and judges.

## PURPOSE

The Board's mission is to promote public confidence in state government decision-making through development, administration, and enforcement of disclosure and public financing programs that will ensure public access to, and understanding of, information filed with the Board.

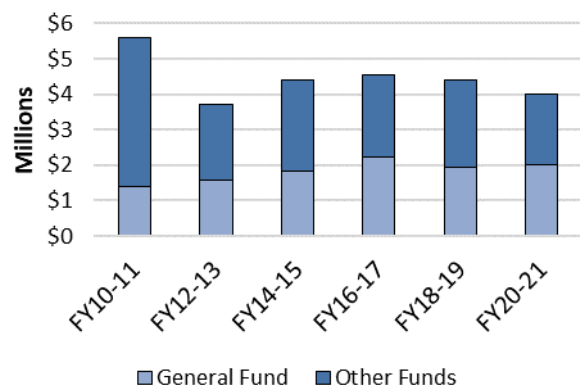
## BUDGET

Spending by Category  
FY 2021 Actual



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



*Other Funds represents public subsidy payments. Public subsidy funds are derived from a statutory general fund appropriation and transfers to the special revenue fund based on political party check-off by individuals on state income and property tax forms. (M.S. 10A.31)*

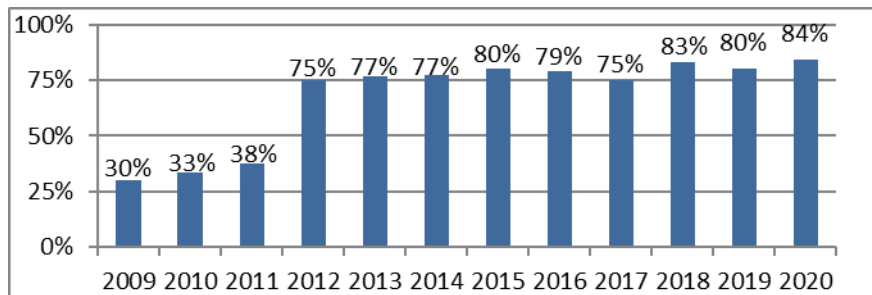
## STRATEGIES

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board achieves its mission using these strategies:

- Facilitate easier and more universal compliance with Chapter 10A (Minnesota’s campaign finance and public disclosure statutes) by providing strong support for treasurers, most of whom are volunteers, and for other filers so that they can understand and meet the obligations of their positions.
- Cultivate an environment of voluntary compliance by providing educational programs, publications, training, consultation, software, internet applications, and other aids to enable those governed by Chapter 10A to understand and comply with their statutory obligations.
- Provide consistent, non-partisan administration of the compliance and disclosure statutes so that regulated entities understand that when compliance is not voluntary, it will be required through agency action and to ensure that subjects of compliance procedures are treated fairly and impartially.
- Help citizens become better informed about public and private financing of election campaigns, the financial interests and possible conflict of interests of public officials, and about the associations that lobby in Minnesota. With access to campaign finance, economic interest statements, and lobbying data, citizens will have a higher level of confidence that elected and appointed officials’ decision-making is not unduly influenced by outside interests or the personal interest of the official.
- Provide transparency concerning money in Minnesota politics by publishing campaign finance and other data filed with the Board in easily accessible and meaningful formats for citizen use through its website, printed materials, and electronic communications.
- Ensure the integrity of the state’s program of partial public financing of political campaigns by determining eligibility, calculating amounts, and distributing public subsidy funding to qualified candidates and parties.
- The Board uses technology (online reporting and PC based applications) to gather and publish disclosure information to the public in a timely manner. Through the Board’s public disclosure of financial reports and statements, citizen confidence in state government is supported.

## RESULTS

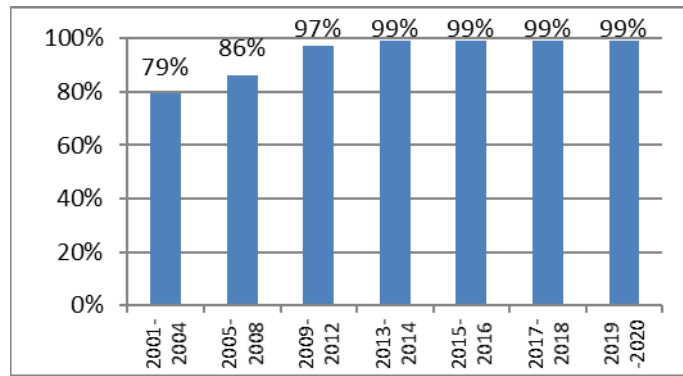
**Measure: Quantity** – Percentage of campaign finance filers reporting electronically



### Outcome:

- Electronically filed reports are available for public inspection sooner than paper reports.
- The software used to generate electronic reports also performs a compliance check on data entry, helping treasurers identify contributions that should not be accepted, and expenditures that are prohibited.

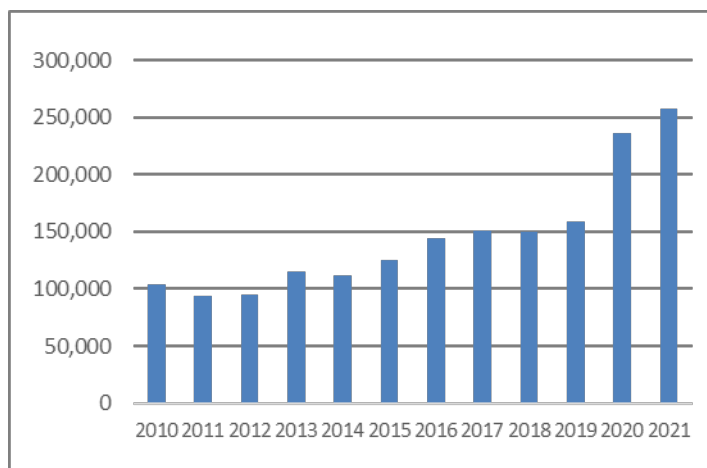
**Measure: Quantity** – Percent of transactions where donor and recipient reports of contributions reconcile.



**Outcome:**

- Accurate campaign finance data is published so that citizens are better informed about money used to influence elections.
- Increased compliance with campaign finance disclosure laws.

**Measure: Quantity** – Number of visits to Board website. A new website released in 2016 was designed to provide the public with better access to disclosure and compliance information.



**Outcome:**

- Approximate 90% increase in number of distinct visits to the website from 2015 to 2021.
- Twenty-six new data downloads (CSV files) developed for new website so that interested members of the public have direct access to disclosure data.

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Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A provides the legal authority for the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. ([revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=10A](https://revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=10A))

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	1,059	1,037	1,024	1,288	1,167	1,167	1,993	1,981
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	75	2,206	64	2,636	104	1,323	104	3,426
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>3,924</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>5,407</b>
Biennial Change				635		(1,251)		2,492
Biennial % Change				15		(25)		50
Enacted Budget Change from Base								3,743
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								100

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		72		121				
Direct Appropriation	1,123	2,143	1,145	2,187	1,167	2,187	1,993	3,001
Open Appropriation	100	1,559	85	1,454	104	1,454	104	1,454
Transfers In	249		347					
Transfers Out	350	2,579	432	2,474	104	2,474	104	2,474
Cancellations		158						
Balance Forward Out	64		121					
Expenditures	1,059	1,037	1,024	1,288	1,167	1,167	1,993	1,981
Biennial Change in Expenditures				217		22		1,662
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				10		1		72
Enacted Budget Change from Base								1,640
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								70

**2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In	831	616	993	670	363	364	363	364
Receipts	0	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transfers In	109	2,579	86	2,474	104	2,474	104	4,577
Transfers Out	249		347	146		93		93
Balance Forward Out	616	993	669	363	364	1,423	364	1,423
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3,426</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				419		(1,273)		830
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				18		(47)		31
Enacted Budget Change from Base								2,103
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								147

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
FY2023 Appropriations	2,187	2,187	2,187	4,374
Base Adjustments				
Biennial Appropriations		(1,020)		(1,020)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>3,354</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Maintain Current Service Levels		149	189	338
MNIT Cloud		50	50	100
MnGeo Coding		250	250	500
Increased Audit Staffing		220	220	440
Lobbyist Registration Including All Political Subdivisions		157	105	262
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>4,994</b>
<b>Open</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
FY2023 Appropriations	1,407	1,407	1,407	2,814
Base Adjustments				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment	(26)	(1,303)	(26)	(1,329)
November Forecast Adjustment	127		127	127
February Forecast Adjustment	(54)		(54)	(54)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>1,558</b>
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>1,558</b>
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Planned Spending	2,636	104	1,323	1,427
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>1,427</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
State Elections Campaign Account Transfer			2,103	2,103
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3,426</b>	<b>3,530</b>
<b>Revenue Change Summary</b>				
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1	1	1	2
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<b><i>Non-Dedicated</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
Forecast Revenues	40	40	40	80
Total Enacted Budget	40	40	40	80



(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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**Maintain Current Service Levels**

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>378</b>
Expenditures	0	149	189	338	189	189	378

**MNIT Cloud**

This funding will be used for costs related to hosting the Board's network and databases in the Azure Cloud solution provided by MNIT. The funding will also be used to enhance accessibility of the Board's reporting system. This is a new initiative that will address physical and cybersecurity concerns for the Board's operations.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>
Expenditures	0	50	50	100	50	50	100

**MnGeo Coding**

The Board will use this funding for MnGeo to create reports that will leverage MnGeo's mapping capabilities to support public reporting.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120</b>
Expenditures	0	250	250	500	60	60	120

**Increased Audit Staffing**

This provision will increase the Board's capacity to conduct audits related to its oversight of campaign finances.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>440</b>
Expenditures	0	220	220	440	220	220	440

**Lobbyist Registration Including All Political Subdivisions**

This funding will allow the Board to implement the newly revised statutory language regarding lobbyist registration in political subdivisions.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>210</b>
Expenditures	0	157	105	262	105	105	210

**Increase Public Election Subsidy Transfer**

This provision changes the amount of the public election subsidy transferred to the Board.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>1,412</b>
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	1,412	1,412
<b>2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	1,412	1,412
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	1,412	1,412

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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State Elections Campaign Account Transfer

This item provides additional funding to the state elections campaign account established in Minnesota Statutes. The funding in this account is allocated for campaigns as specified in MS 10A.31.

2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	2,103	2,103	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	2,103	2,103	0	0	0