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Administration of Campaign Finace,
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Mr. Adam Proffitt
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Dear Mr. Proffitt,

Enclosed is the budget request for the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission. The document is for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information and explanation in this budget request is correct and complete.

As always, my staff and I are prepared to provide any additional information that you may require.

Sincerely,

Anne Spiess
Executive Director

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Agency Mission

The Kansas Public Disclosure Commission (KPDC) works to foster public trust and confidence in state government decision-making through education, administration, and enforcement of the Campaign Finance Act and State Public Disclosure Laws.

Agency Overview

The KPDC is charged with administering, interpreting, and enforcing the Campaign Finance Act and laws relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and the regulation of lobbying.

Statutory History

The Kansas Public Disclosure Commission (KPDC) was statutorily created in 1974. It has undergone several name changes, most recently to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, before returning to the current iteration in 2025. The KPDC was created to oversee campaign finance, conflicts of interest, and lobbying regulations (K.S.A. 25-4142 et seq.; K.S.A. 46-215 et seq.). It is governed by a nine-member Commission with appointments made to it by the governor, legislative leaders, the chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, the attorney general, and the secretary of state. The KPDC is financed through a combination of state general funds and the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund, which collects fees from candidates, political action committees, and lobbyists.

Agency Goals & Objectives

- Require the electronic filing of all state-level campaign finance reports.
- Improve the timeliness and accuracy of reports filed and any potential analysis of the reports by KPDC staff.
- Continue to improve the agency's website.
- Bring public awareness to the KPDC and the laws under its jurisdiction to create a more informed public.
- Conduct training seminars and provide publications tailored to meet the needs of candidates, legislators, other public officials, lobbyists, and state employees.
- Improve communication with the ability to electronically exchange required information and reports with the Secretary of State (SOS), the 105 county clerks/election officers, and the city clerks in the 26 first class cities in a timely fashion to better serve individuals in meeting the statutory requirements.

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AGENCY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

FY 2026 Actual Budget

- Salaries & Wages - $635,823 - FTE 8.50
- Building Rent - $48,214
- Postage - $9,522
- Monumental Building Surcharge - $11,810.50
- IT Service Charges - $11,224

FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request

- Salaries and Wages - $718,052 - FTE 8.50
- Building Rent - $53,000
- Postage - $10,500
- Monumental Building Surcharge - $15,885
- IT Service Charges - $14,916

FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request

- Salaries and Wages - $756,995 - FTE 8.50
- Building Rent - $54,000
- Postage - $11,000
- Monumental Building Surcharge - $17,297
- IT Service Charges - $15,474

FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request

- Salaries and Wages - $748,641 - FTE 8.50
- Building Rent - $55,000
- Postage - $11,500
- Monumental Building Surcharge - $17,297
- IT Service Charges - $15,696

Explanation of Receipt Estimates

K.S.A. 25-4119e establishes the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund. Money credited to the fee fund is used for the operation of the KPDC in the statutory performance of its duties and functions. The KPDC Fee Fund is not restricted in its use. The fund was established in 1991 with the statutory reference of K.S.A. 25-4119a. K.S.A. 25-4119f establishes the fees required to be paid by candidates filing for office. Lobbyist registration fees are imposed under K.S.A. 46-265. Political action committees' (PAC) registration fees are imposed under K.S.A. 25-4145.

The SOS collects state candidate and lobbyist registration fees at the time of filing or registration. The county clerks/county election officers collect county candidate fees. City clerks in first class cities collect city candidate fees. The fees are remitted quarterly by the county treasurers and the SOS to the State Treasurer (K.S.A. 25-4119f[b]) to be credited to the fee fund. PACs remit directly to the KPDC.

Deadlines for registration and payment of the KPDC's fees are:

GROUP	DEADLINE	FEE
State candidates	June 1	$650 for statewide office, $50 otherwise
County candidates	June 1	$50
First class city candidates	June 1	$50
PACs	July 1	Dependent on contributions
Lobbyists	Before engaging in lobbying	Dependent on expenditures

KPDC staff work with the SOS, the State Treasurer, county clerks, and county treasurers to ensure collection from all candidates and lobbyists. Population estimates of candidates, lobbyists, and PACs are based on historical figures and are subject to change because of the political climate in the State.

PAC registration fees differ due to the amount of money the committee anticipates receiving in contributions in a calendar year. PACs which receive $2,500 or less in contributions pay a $50 registration fee. When contributions are more than $2,500 but less than $7,500, the committee pays a $250 registration fee. When contributions are more than $7,500 but less than $15,000, the committee pays a $500 registration fee. When contributions are more than $15,000, the committee pays a $750 registration fee.

Candidates pay a fee when they file for office. Fees are set at $50 for candidates for any state or local office. Statewide candidates pay a fee of $650 when they file for office.

Lobbyist registration fees differ due to the amount of money the lobbyist anticipates expending for each client in a calendar year for the purpose of lobbying. Lobbyists with expenditures of $1,000 or less pay a $50 registration fee per client. For expenditures more than $1,000, a lobbyist pays a $350 fee per client. Employees of lobbying firms register for $450 per year (K.S.A. 46-265) which covers all clients.

STAFF REPORTS

KPDC staff remain extremely dedicated to the work of the agency, which is demonstrated daily by the high volume of phone calls, emails, and walk-ins they assist with. They regularly answer a heavy stream of questions from state and local candidates regarding filings and ethics issues, including numerous inquiries about PACs and party committees. They also handle a large number of calls during the filing of Statements of Substantial Interest (SSI) and field frequent questions from lobbyists regarding reporting requirements. Additionally, legal staff manage many inquiries across all areas under the agency's jurisdiction.

The SOS remains the main repository for the vast majority of the reports generated by SOS and KPDC. If any change is contemplated regarding the current arrangement where KPDC is given more responsibilities and workload, corresponding staff and revenue should be provided to support these changes are allotted so that KPDC can adequately absorb any additional duties.

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NUMBER OF LOBBYIST REGISTRATIONS AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS FILED

	FY2025			FY2026			FY2027			FY2028			FY2029		
	Actual	Fee	Total	Actual	Fee	Total	Estimated	Fee	Total	Estimated	Fee	Total	Estimated	Fee	Total
Expenditures of $1000 or less	1422	50	$71,100	1510	50	$75,500	1600	50	$80,000	1620	50	$81,000	1630	50	$81,500
Expenditures over $1000	196	350	$68,600	224	350	$78,400	250	350	$87,500	255	350	$89,250	260	350	$91,000
Lobbying Firm Employee	28	450	$12,600	38	450	$17,100	40	450	$18,000	42	450	$18,900	43	450	$19,350
Lobbyist Fee Total			**$152,300**			**$171,000**			**$185,000**			**$189,150**			**$191,850**

LOBBYIST INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

	2025 Actual Services	2026 Estimated Services	2027 Estimated Services	2028 Estimated Services	2029 Estmiated Services
Registrations	2313	2409	2650	2650	2700
# of Reports	8945	5292	8630	9000	9100
# of Affidavits	971	981	1000	1005	1200
FF and Past Due	85	119	120	130	130

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STATE CANDIDATES

	FY 2026 Actual	FY 2027 Projected	FY 2028 Projected	FY 2029 Projected
State Candidates	397	275	460	310
# of Affidavits	68	115	70	105
# of Reports	443	1,225	470	1,290
Percentage Reviewed	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

LOCAL CANDIDATES

2025 City Candidates	2026 City Candidates	2027 City Candidates	2028 City Candidates
242	306	215	1090

LOCAL CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)

	2024 County + Carryover FY 2025 Actual	2025 County + Carryover FY2026 Actual	2026 County + Carryover FY2027 Projected	2027 County + Carryover FY 2028 Projected
# of Affidavits	850	77	211	75
# of Reports	838	526	290	350
Reviewed	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

(*) FY 2029 Projections not available

NUMBER OF SSI FILED AND COMPLIANCE REVIEWS COMPLETED

	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Actual	FY 2027 Projected	FY 2028 Projected	FY 2029 Projected
# filed	6436	6838	6225	6500	6700
Non filed	15	19			
Total ff sent	2	25			

PAC AND PARTY COMMITTEES

	FY 2025 (actual)	FY 2026 (actual)	FY 2027 (projected)	FY 2028 (Projected)	FY 2029 (Projected)
# of PAC and Party Committees	407 (184 Party) (223 PAC)	408 (181 Party) (227 PAC)	400	425	410
# of Reports Filed	407	1,224	380	1100	395
# of Affidavits	65	31	50	67	64
# of FF	14	75	30	80	44
# of E&O's	8	20	15	60	12

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SUMMARY OF AGENCY BUDGET

	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Posted Payroll	FY 2027 Base Budget Entry	FY 2027 Base Budget Request	FY 2027 Agency Change Packages	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Posted Payroll	FY 2028 Base Budget Entry	FY 2028 Base Budget Request	FY 2028 Agency Change Packages	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Base Budget Entry	FY 2029 Base Budget Request	FY 2029 Agency Change Packages	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
1 Salaries and Wages	635,823	718,052	0	718,052	0	718,052	756,995	0	756,995	0	756,995	748,641	748,641	0	748,641
2 Contractual Services	142,129	0	151,587	151,587	0	151,587	0	153,645	153,645	0	153,645	155,367	155,367	0	155,367
3 Commodities	2,965	0	4,800	4,800	0	4,800	0	4,800	4,800	0	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	4,800
4 Capital Outlay	1,620	0	2,200	2,200	0	2,200	0	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	3,050	3,050	0	3,050
9 Other Assistance	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	782,547	718,052	158,587	876,639	0	876,639	756,995	160,945	917,940	0	917,940	911,858	911,858	0	911,858
1000 STATE GENERAL FUND	552,176	466,227	133,843	600,070	0	600,070	492,203	110,581	602,784	0	602,784	587,761	587,761	0	587,761
2188 GOVERNMTL ETHICS COMMISSION FF	230,371	251,825	24,744	276,569	0	276,569	264,792	50,364	315,156	0	315,156	324,097	324,097	0	324,097
Total Funds	782,547	718,052	158,587	876,639	0	876,639	756,995	160,945	917,940	0	917,940	911,858	911,858	0	911,858
9200 FTE	0.00	8.50	0.00	8.50	0.00	8.50	8.50	0.00	8.50	0.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	0.00	8.50
Total Statistic	0.00	8.50	0.00	8.50	0.00	8.50	8.50	0.00	8.50	0.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	0.00	8.50