

**Public Disclosure Commission**  
**FY 2026-FY 2027**  
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**Agency Mission:**

The mission of the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission is to provide the public with timely and accurate information they need for knowledgeable participation in government and the electoral process.

**Agency Philosophy:**

The Kansas Public Disclosure Commission believes the strongest safeguard against unethical conduct by public officials and employees is an informed and active public. Further, for the disclosure elements of the legislation to have meaning, the public must be made aware of the legislation and the information which is disclosed must be accessible to them. Therefore, the Commission will act in accordance with accountability, efficiency and impartiality. The Commission's staff will approach their duties with a dedicated sense of purpose and responsibility to the individuals subject to the Campaign Finance Act and the State Public Disclosure Laws. Consequently, the staff will perform their statutory duties in a manner that will merit public esteem through the philosophy of a service- oriented agency to aid individuals in complying with applicable laws by responding quickly, accurately, and impartially.

**Agency Goal:**

The Commission's goal is to provide full compliance with the Campaign Finance (KSA 25-4142 et seq.), Conflict of Interests and Lobbying provisions (KSA 46-215 et seq.), as they relate to state officers, state employees, candidates for state, county, first class city office, and lobbyists.

**Objectives:**

- To improve the timeliness and accuracy of reports filed.
- To educate those under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- To bring public awareness to the Commission and the laws under its jurisdiction to create a more informed public.
- To provide the public with timely reports and statistical summaries of information filed by lobbyists, candidates for state office, political action committees, and party committees.

**Strategies:**

- Increase the accuracy of reports filed by conducting training seminars and providing publications tailored to meet the needs of candidates, legislators, other public officials, lobbyists and state employees.
- Maintain timely compliance by continuing to mail reminder notices and explore other alternatives to achieve timely compliance.
- Conduct educational and informational programs for the public.

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- Build, encourage, and sustain communications (either written or verbal) to assist those individuals subject to applicable laws to ensure timely and accurate disclosure.
- Maintain communication, with the ability to exchange required information and reports, with the Secretary of State, 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.
- Provide the public with timely access to the receipts and expenditures reports filed by candidates for state office, political action committees and party committees on the Commission's website.
- Continue to improve the data and information provided to the public on the Commission's website.

**Commission Long Range Goals:**

The long-range goals of the Commission are to:

- Require the electronic filing of all state-level campaign finance reports.
- Continue to improve the Commission's website by providing accessible campaign finance data as well as more data on lobbyists and their clients.
- Increase public access to and prominence of all public reports submitted to the Commission.
- Seek new approaches to training to increase awareness of and compliance with laws under the Commission's jurisdiction.

**Output Measures:**

Number of **candidates, party and political committees** subject to the Campaign Finance Act, number of reports to be filed, and percentage of compliance reviews completed.

	<b>FY 2024 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2025 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2026 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2027 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2028 Projected Services</b>
<b>State &amp; Local Candidates</b>	1875	960	905	850	1860
<b>PACs/Parties</b>	402	402	400	425	410
<b># of Affidavits</b>	148	1142	165	352	154
<b># of Reports</b>	1520	3549	1429	2575	1450
<b>Percentage Reviewed</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Number of **Lobbyist** registrations and expenditure reports filed, and percentage of compliance reviews complete.

	<b>FY 2024 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2025 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2026 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2027 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2028 Projected Services</b>
<b>Registrations</b>	2108	2169	2175	2180	2200
<b># of Reports</b>	8555	4603	8630	8700	8900
<b># of Affidavits</b>	830	970	975	980	990
<b>Percentage Reviewed</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Number of **Statements of Substantial Interests** filed, and percentage of compliance reviews completed.

	<b>FY 2024 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2025 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2026 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2027 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2028 Projected Services</b>
<b># Filed</b>	5712	6434	6750	6225	6500
<b>Percentage Reviewed</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Outcome Measures:**

Percentage of individuals receiving Past Due Notices and Notifications of Failure to File required reports and statements.

	<b>FY 2024 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2025 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2026 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2027 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2028 Projected Services</b>
<b>Campaign Finance</b>	8.6%	6.7%	10.0%	6.1%	8.0%
<b>Lobbying</b>	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%
<b>Financial Disclosure</b>	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%

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Percentage of individuals receiving Notifications of Errors and Omissions for reports and statements:

	<b>FY 2024 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2025 Actual Services</b>	<b>FY 2026 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2027 Projected Services</b>	<b>FY 2028 Projected Services</b>
<b>Campaign Finance</b>	16.6%	15.3%	14.7%	17.9%	18.4%
<b>Lobbying</b>	0.0%	0.0	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
<b>Financial Disclosure</b>	0.0%	0.0%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%

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## **Agency Overview**

### **FY 2026 Adjusted Budget Request - Current Year:**

The agency's revised FY2026 budget totals \$889,151. This budget includes \$589,939 in state general funds, which is an increase of \$29,889 above the FY 2025 approved amount which is attributable to the increase in salaries and the reappropriation from FY 2025 which is intended for unavoidable increased costs. There are some changes within categories, the significant changes as categorized below:

- A decrease in KPERS (-\$2,662),
- A decrease in postage due (\$-4,000),
- A decrease in meals & lodging in-state due to Cogel conference moving out of state (-\$1,128),
- A decrease in job related train & conference registration (-\$100),
- An increase in phones and internet (\$867),
- An increase in building rent (\$3,439),
- An increase in printing and binding (\$1,000),
- An increase in meals & lodging out of state due to Cogel conference being out of state (\$2,000),
- An increase in monumental building surcharge (\$4,236),
- An increase in office furniture (\$1,500),
- An increase in 0365 costs & computers replacement (\$2,282)

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**FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request - Budget Year:**

The agency's FY 2027 base budget request totals \$894,057. This budget includes \$587,411 from the state general fund and \$306,646 from the Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund. The most significant of the changes from the FY 2026 request include:

- A decrease in the KPERS (-\$1,677),
- A decrease in printing (-\$500),
- A decrease in stationery and office supplies (-1,000),
- A decrease in household equipment non-cap (office furniture) (-\$1,250),
- An increase in building rent (\$2,382)
- An increase in agency-funded health insurance (\$6,939),
- An increase for Office 365 costs and computer replacements (1,375),
- An increase for meals & lodging – Cogel conference (\$2,000)
- An increase for airfare – Cogel conference (\$700)

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## **EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION BY OBJECT CODES**

### *Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages*

The 8.5 FTE positions are devoted to assuring the accurate and timely disclosure of the required financial information filed by individuals subject to campaign finance, lobbying, and state conflict of interest laws as well as providing this information to the public in a timely manner. In addition, the Commission meets to address a variety of matters including the review of complaints, investigations, audits, and the issuance of advisory opinions.

In FY 2026, Salaries and Wages are \$10,748 above the approved amount due to the salary increases and fringe benefit adjustments.

For FY 2027, Salaries and Wages show an increase of \$5,552 above the requested FY 2026 amount, entirely due to fringe benefit adjustments. Agency health insurance costs increased by \$6,939 and KPERS contributions decreased by \$1,677, which comprises most of that amount.

FY 2026: \$710,872

FY 2027: \$716,424

### *Object Code 200: Contractual Services*

Rent is the largest single component of the agency's contractual services, accounting for 30% of the budgeted amount in FY 2026 and with the new lease going into effect in November 2026 the amount will increase again in FY 2027 by \$2,382. Printing and communication costs are expended to ensure individuals receive the information necessary to comply with the reporting requirements of the campaign finance, lobbying, and conflict of interest laws. As a necessary result of the campaign cycle, printing and postage costs vary over the years, largely depending on the number of candidates. Typically, printing costs

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increase in non-election years as material is prepared for the upcoming election, and postage costs increase in election years due to candidate and organization contact. Travel expenses are for Commission mileage and staff costs to attend the national conference of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws. Computer replacements and costs related to the Disclosure Commission database fall under this category as well.

For FY 2026, the request is an increase of \$11,874 above the FY 2025 request. The increase is primarily attributable to rent, new lease takes effect in November 2026, and the Monumental Building Surcharge. This increase is offset somewhat by a decrease in printing and in state meals and lodging.

For FY 2027, the request is an increase of \$1,574 above the FY 2026 request. The increase is attributable to an increase in rent, Office 365 costs, computer replacements, and conference attendance.

FY 2026: \$169,969  
FY 2027: \$171,543

*Object Code 300: Commodities*

Expenditures in this category are for water, office and professional supplies.

FY 2026: \$5,800  
FY 2027: \$4,800

*Object Code 400: Capital Outlay*

Expenditures in this category is attributable to replacing office furniture and computer equipment as needed.

FY 2026: \$2,510  
FY 2027: \$1,290

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### **Explanation of Receipt Estimates – DA 405**

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 Commission in the statutory performance of its duties and functions. The fee fund is not restricted in its use. The Commission's fee 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' registration fees are imposed under K.S.A. 25-4145.

The Secretary of State 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 Secretary of State to the State Treasurer (K.S.A. 25-4119f(b)) to be credited to the fee fund. Political action committees remit directly to the Commission.

Deadlines for registration and payment of the Commission'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
Political action committees	July 1	Dependent on contributions
Lobbyists	Before engaging in lobbying	Dependent on expenditures

The Commission's staff works with the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, county clerks, and county treasurers to ensure collection from all candidates and lobbyists. Population estimates of candidates, lobbyists, and political action committees are based on past history and are subject to change as a result of the political climate in the State.

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Political Action Committee registration fees differ due to the amount of money the committee anticipates receiving in contributions in a calendar year. Political action committees which receive \$2,500 or less in contributions pay a \$50 registration fee. When contributions are in excess of \$2,500 but less than \$7,500, the committee pays a \$250 registration fee. When contributions are in excess of \$7,500 but less than \$15,000, the committee pays a \$500 registration fee. When contributions are in excess of \$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. When expenditures are more than \$1,000, the 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.

Other fees generated include civil penalties and fines (K.S.A. 25-4152, 25-4181, 46-280, and 46-288). Actual fee fund revenue for FY 2025 and projections for FY 2026-2027 are illustrated on the DA 405 form.