

## **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS IN COLORADO**

### Fair Campaign Practices Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-45-103.7

(1.9)(a)(I) The maximum amount of aggregate contributions that any one person, including a political party, and excluding a small donor committee, may make to a candidate committee of a candidate for a municipal office, and that a candidate committee for such a candidate may accept from any one such person per election is four hundred dollars.

(II) The maximum amount of aggregate contributions that any one small donor committee may make to a candidate committee of a candidate for a municipal office and that a candidate committee for such a candidate may accept from any one small donor committee per election is four thousand dollars.

### Fair Campaign Practices Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-45-116

Any home rule county or municipality may adopt ordinances or charter provisions with respect to its local elections that are more stringent than any of the provisions contained in this act. Any home rule county or municipality which adopts such ordinances or charter provisions shall not be entitled to reimbursement pursuant to subsection 1-45-112(2). The requirements of article XXVIII of the state constitution and of this article shall not apply to home rule counties or home rule municipalities that have adopted charters, ordinances, or resolutions that address the matters covered by article XXVIII and this article.

### Colorado Constitution, Article XXVIII, §3(3)(a)

No political party shall accept aggregate contributions from any person, other than a small donor committee . . . that exceed three thousand dollars per year at the . . . local level combined.

Municipality	Contribution Limits [Code]	Matching Provision [Code]	Limits Adjustment [Code]
Arvada	\$750 for mayor and at large \$500 for district [30-1]	n/a	n/a
Aurora	\$2,250 for mayor or at large \$450 for a ward race [54-105(a)] <i>Effective August 1, 2023, the rates have been updated pursuant to section 54-105(d).</i>	n/a	Clerk to adjust limits by an amount calculated by the Colorado Secretary of State per article XXVIII § 3(13) which says limits shall be adjusted based on the change over a 4-year period in the CPI for Denver-Boulder-Greeley [54-105(d)]
Boulder	\$100 for any candidate [13-2-4(a)(1)] <a href="https://bouldercolorado.gov/media/6945/download?inline=">https://bouldercolorado.gov/media/6945/download?inline=</a>	Subject to candidate meeting eligibility requirements, City will match up to 50% of expenditure limit, which is the actual currency (not in-kind donations) excluding up to \$100 from candidate's personal wealth. [13-2-3(a)(2)]	Clerk to determine adjustment every 2 years based on the change over a 2-year period in the CPI for Denver-Boulder-Greeley [13-2-3]
Broomfield	\$2,660 for mayor \$1,330 for councilmember [4-08-070]	n/a	Clerk to determine adjustment every 2 years based on the change over a 2-year period in the CPI for Denver-Boulder-Greeley [4-08-070]
Castle Rock	Does not have contribution limits.	n/a	n/a
Centennial	No limitations on contribution amounts to candidates for City Elective Office shall apply in any City election. [2-6-315]	n/a	n/a
Colorado Springs	Does not have contribution limits. <a href="https://coloradosprings.gov/city-clerk/page/campaign-finance-faq">https://coloradosprings.gov/city-clerk/page/campaign-finance-faq</a>	n/a	n/a

Municipality	Contribution Limits [Code]	Matching Provision [Code]	Limits Adjustment [Code]
Commerce City	Will follow new limits established by state statute in 2025 \$400 for individual or political party \$4,000 from a small donor committee [HB23-1245; FCPA 1-45-103.7(1.9)]	n/a	n/a
Denver	<u>Fair Election Fund Limits</u> \$595 for mayor \$415 for auditor, councilmember at large, judge, clerk and recorder \$235 for district councilmember <u>Non-Fair Election Fund Limits</u> \$1,190 for mayor \$835 for auditor, councilmember at large, judge, clerk and recorder \$475 district councilmember <a href="https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Clerk-and-Recorder/Campaign-Finance">https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Clerk-and-Recorder/Campaign-Finance</a>	n/a	Clerk to determine adjustment each election cycle based on the change over a 4-year period in the CPI for Denver-Boulder-Greeley [15-37(a)(3)]
Golden	\$1,000 for mayor \$250 for city council 1.05.040	n/a	n/a
Grand Junction	\$625 for any candidate [2.20.040(d)(1)] <i>First adjustment to be made in Q4 2024.</i>	n/a	Clerk to determine adjustment every 2 years based on the change over a 2-year period in the CPI for Denver-Boulder-Greeley. First adjustment to be made Q4 2024. [2.20.040(d)(5)]
Greeley	\$2,500 for any candidate; does not apply to personal funds [2-126] <i>Limits first enacted August 2024.</i>	n/a	Clerk to determine adjustment every 2 years based on CPI for Denver-Boulder-Greeley [2-126]

Municipality	Contribution Limits [Code]	Matching Provision [Code]	Limits Adjustment [Code]
Lakewood	\$800 for mayor \$400 for city council [2.54.030]		n/a
Lone Tree	\$2,000 for any candidate [2-1-110]	n/a	n/a
Loveland	\$130 for any candidate [17-5(a)] <a href="https://www.lov.gov.org/home/showpublisheddocument/54978/637547093103030000">https://www.lov.gov.org/home/showpublisheddocument/54978/637547093103030000</a>	n/a	Clerk to determine adjustment every 5 years based on CPI [17-5(b)]
Northglenn	Will follow new limits established by state statute in 2025 \$400 for individual or political party \$4,000 from a small donor committee [HB23-1245; FCPA 1-45-103.7(1.9)]	n/a	n/a
Thornton	\$400 for individual or political party \$4,000 from a small donor committee [HB23-1245; FCPA 1-45-103.7(1.9)]	n/a	n/a
Westminster	\$400 for individual or political party \$4,000 from a small donor committee [HB23-1245; FCPA 1-45-103.7(1.9)]	n/a	n/a

**Other Colorado donation limits for a natural person**

<b>Contributing to</b>	<b>Limit</b>
Attorney General per election cycle*	\$725
County Candidates per election cycle* (under state law)	\$1,425
CU Regent per election cycle*	\$225
District Attorney per election cycle*	\$225
Governor and Lt. Governor per election cycle*	\$725
Independent expenditure committee	No limit
Issue committee / Small-scale issue committee	No limit
Political committee per election cycle*	\$725
Political party per year	\$4,675**
Regional Transportation District	No limit
Secretary of State per election cycle*	\$725
School director per election	\$2,500
Small donor committee per year	\$50
State Board of Education per election cycle*	\$225
State House of Representatives per election cycle*	\$225
State Senate per election cycle*	\$225
State Treasurer per election cycle*	\$725

\*All candidates may accept contributions for the primary and general election. Colorado law recognizes the Governor and Lt. Governor as one committee and the contribution and spending limits for governor apply to the joint committee.

Contribution limits double for a candidate who has accepted voluntary spending limits if their opponent has not accepted the voluntary spending limits and has raised more than 10 percent of the spending limit.

Contributions to a candidate committee by the candidate count as political party contributions when a candidate accepts voluntary spending limits. Any unexpended campaign contributions that carry forward to a subsequent election cycle also count as a political party contribution.

\*\*State, county, district, & local levels combined, of which no more than \$3,875 may be given to the state party.