



# County Political Party Financial Disclosures Quick Guide\*

## 20A-11 Part 5

### What to Report

County political parties must report contributions & expenditures.

- A contribution is money the party receives.
- An expenditure is money the party spends.

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#### Contributions:

A county party must report who donated money, how much they gave, and where they live. Anonymous contributions may not be spent.

#### **Name**

Be sure to report the *actual* contributor.

- If the party uses a pass-through entity (e.g., PayPal, ActBlue, Square) to raise money, report the actual source of the contribution. The pass-through entity (PayPal) did not contribute to the party; Jane Doe contributed to the party using PayPal.

#### **Address**

"Address" is defined in [Utah Code](#) as "the number and street where an individual resides or where a reporting entity has its principal office."

- Based on the statutory definition of "address," a party should report the street address of each contributor – not a P.O. Box.

#### **Aggregating Small Contributions**

A county party is allowed to report contributions "in the aggregate" if a person does not donate more than \$50 to the county party throughout a calendar year. Once a donor contributes more than \$50, he or she must be itemized on the party's report with their name and street address.

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#### Expenditures:

A county party must report the name of the payee, the date the expenditure was made, and the specific purpose of the expenditure.

#### **Name of Payee**

Be sure to report the person or entity to whom the expenditure was [ultimately disbursed](#). This means a report must disclose where money is actually spent (e.g., Office Warehouse).

- If a party officer is reimbursed for anything, be sure to list the ultimate payee as the Name of Payee, and not the name of the person who was reimbursed.

#### **Specific Purpose**

Utah Code requires the "specific purpose" of an expenditure. Some generic examples are "paper used on caucus night," or "campaign buttons given to commission candidate Jane Doe."

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### How to Report

- Log on to [disclosures.utah.gov](https://disclosures.utah.gov)
- Click on Financial Ledger
- Add contributions & expenditures (the ledger automatically updates once you save a contribution or expenditure)
- Click File Report

If you are a new user, please contact the Lieutenant Governor's Office to get access to your party's ledger.

### When to Report

A county political party is required to file financial disclosure reports on [disclosures.utah.gov](https://disclosures.utah.gov) once the county party:

- Receives \$750 in contributions during a calendar year, or
- Spends \$750 during a calendar year

#### Odd-Numbered Years

If a county party spends \$750 or receives \$750 during the year, the party must file a report by January 10 of the next year.

#### Even-Numbered Years

- 7 days before the county party's convention
- 7 days before the primary election (June 23rd, 2020)
- September 30<sup>th</sup> (September 30th, 2020)
- 7 days before the general election (October 27th, 2020)
- January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year (January 11th, 2021)

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### What if I Miss a Report?

Failure to file the Convention or Year End reports by the deadlines may result in a \$100 fine levied against the county party.

Failure to file the Primary, September 30<sup>th</sup>, or General reports, due in even-numbered years, by the deadlines may result in a \$1,000 fine levied against the county party.

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### Updating Contact Information

In order to receive reminders and **avoid penalties and fines levied against the party**, you must update party contact information with the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

To update your contact information:

- Log on to [disclosures.utah.gov](https://disclosures.utah.gov)
- Click Manage Folder
- Click the red link that says Statement of Organization
- Update the Statement with new officer information

If you don't have access to this with your log on credentials, contact the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

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