

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF ELECTIONS**



**2022 MATCHING PUBLIC FUNDS REPORT**

Prepared By: Richard E. Thornton, Director of Campaign Finance

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## Introduction

Whereas, the general assembly finds that the cost of running for statewide office has risen over the last decade at a rate far in excess of the increase in the cost of living; and

Whereas, the general assembly finds that the need to raise ever larger sums of money to effectively compete for general office threatens the essence of our democratic system by excluding many well qualified candidates; and

Whereas, the general assembly finds that the candidate's need to raise large sums of money can result in disproportionate and inappropriate influence being obtained by those who possess the financial ability to make large contributions to campaigns; and

Whereas, the general assembly finds that the state cannot impose limitations on the amount of private funds raised and expended for election purposes by a candidate unless it provides for at least partial public financing of campaigns;

Therefore, the general assembly determines that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the state to provide public financing to qualified candidates for general office. [RIGL 17-25-18]

The Board of Elections publishes this report of candidates for general office pursuant to the public financing provisions of Chapter 25 of Title 17.

## Matching Public Funds Calculations

### 17-25-20(2)(ii): Eligibility criteria for matching public funds

*The limitations on contributions received from private sources, matching funds available from the state, and total permitted expenditures shall apply in the 1994 general election and shall, subject to appropriations by the general assembly, increase by a percentage to be determined by the board of elections in January of each year in which a general election involving general officers is held, beginning in 1998. In no case shall the increase exceed the total increase in the consumer price index since the month in which the previous general election involving general was held.*

The Consumer Price Index (CPI)-All Urban Consumers chart from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Data for the Northeast:

Month/Year	CPI
November 2018	252.038
November 2021	277.948

Calculating the percentage change in CPI from November 2018 to November 2021:  
**[CPI November 2021 (277.948) / CPI November 2018 (252.038)] - 1 x 100% = 10.28%**

Using **10.28%** as the increase in the CPI since the month in which the last general Election was held, the increase in contributions from private sources, matching funds available from the state and total permitted expenditures will increase by:

	Governor	Other General Offices
Total amount raised in 2018	\$ 2,354,000	\$ 588,000
10.28% increase in 2022 (rounded)	\$ 242,000	\$ 60,500
Total to raise/spend in 2022	\$ 2,596,000	\$ 648,500
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Total eligible match in 2018	\$ 1,177,000	\$ 294,000
10.28% increase in 2022 (rounded)	\$ 121,000	\$ 30,250
Total eligible match in 2022	\$ 1,298,000	\$ 324,250

## 2022 General Office Candidates Receiving Matching Public Funds

### Governor

- Daniel McKee (Democrat)

### Lieutenant Governor

- Aaron Guckian (Republican)

### Attorney General

- Peter Neronha (Democrat)

### General Treasurer

- James Diossa (Democrat)

### Secretary of State

- Gregg Amore (Democrat)

## 2022 Matching Public Funds Requested and Received

Governor		Lieutenant Governor		Attorney General		General Treasurer		Secretary of State	
Daniel McKee		Aaron Guckian		Peter Neronha		James Diossa		Gregg Amore	
Request	Receive	Request	Receive	Request	Receive	Request	Receive	Request	Receive
\$510,561	\$500,061	\$125,223	\$115,640	\$152,650	\$146,650	\$261,046	\$261,046	\$385,279	\$324,250
\$484,090	\$425,340	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	\$ 48,080	\$ 46,250	\$ 63,010	\$ 62,010		
\$374,400	\$371,110	\$ 14,183	\$ 13,383			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,194		
		\$ 9,792	\$ 9,792						
		\$ 22,215	\$ 21,912						
		\$ 5,794	\$ 5,794						
		\$ 11,548	\$ 11,048						
\$1,369,051	\$1,296,511	\$192,655	\$181,469	\$200,730	\$192,900	\$325,556	\$324,250	\$385,279	\$324,250

Candidate	Maximum Matching Public Funds Eligible to Receive	Matching Public Funds Received
Daniel McKee (Governor)	\$1,298,000	\$1,295,511
Aaron Guckian (Lieutenant Governor)	\$ 324,250	\$ 181,469
Peter Neronha (Attorney General)	\$ 324,250	\$ 192,900
James Diossa (General Treasurer)	\$ 324,250	\$ 324,250
Gregg Amore (Secretary of State)	\$ 324,250	\$ 324,250
2022 Total Matching Public Funds Received by All Candidates		\$2,318,380

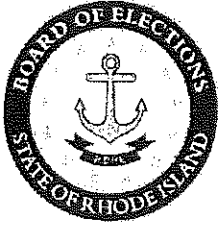
**CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR**

Daniel McKee

Schedule I – Computation of Unexpended Campaign Funds

Determination of Unexpended Campaign Funds

Payment of Unexpended Campaign Funds (50%)



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

2000 Plainfield Pike, Suite A, Cranston, RI 02921  
phone: 401-222-2345 | fax: 401-222-3135 | web: www.elections.ri.gov

*Sent Via Email and First-Class Mail*

March 27, 2023

Governor Daniel J. McKee  
12 Hillside Road  
Cumberland, RI 02864

Re: Determination of Unexpended Campaign Funds

Dear Governor Daniel J. McKee:

In accordance with section 17-25-25 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, any candidate receiving public funds is required to transfer to the General Treasurer 50% of any unexpended funds for deposit into the State's General Fund.

Based upon the reports submitted to the RI Board of Elections ("Board") for the 2022 election cycle, the Board determined that your campaign had unexpended campaign funds of \$9,168.73. Thus, 50% of that amount, or \$4,584.37, is due and payable to the General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island.

To signify your agreement with the above computation, please sign and date this letter below and return it with your payment to the RI Board of Elections, 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921, by March 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Thornton  
Director of Campaign Finance

Accepted by:

Date:

3/27/2023

Enclosure: Schedule 1 – Computation of Unexpended Campaign Funds



**SCHEDULE 1**

**Computation of Unexpended Campaign Funds  
Daniel J. McKee  
2022**

**Contributions:**

Carried Forward Balance From Previous Election Cycle	19,764.33
Contributions	2,476,547.74
Matching Public Funds	1,296,511.00
Refund/Rebate	3,141.99
Loan Proceeds	75,000.00
Loan Repayment	-50,000.00
Refunded Contributions	-11,350.00
NSF Check	-10,200.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b><u>3,799,415.06</u></b>

**Expenditures:**

Expenditures - General Account	2,494,066.18
Expenditures - Matching Public Funds Account (all MPF-eligible)	1,296,180.15
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>3,790,246.33</u></b>

**Excess of Contributions over Expenditures-2022 Election** 9,168.73

Percentage of Excess to return to State 0.50

Amount Due to the State of Rhode Island 4,584.37

Amount Paid to the State of Rhode Island - March 29, 2023 -4,584.37

Balance due 0.00

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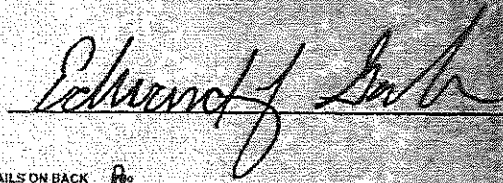
Friends of Dan McKee  
PO Box 7663  
Cumberland, RI 02864

PAY ONLY **4,584.37**

\$ 4,584.37

PAY Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four and 37/100 Dollars

TO THE ORDER OF General Treasurer of the State of RI  
c/o RI Board of Elections  
50 Branch Avenue  
Providence, RI 02904



MEMO: refund of 50% of unexpended funds for 2022

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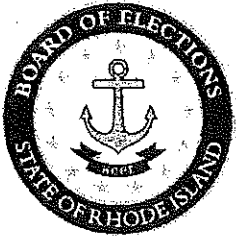
**CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Aaron Guckian

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March 21, 2023

Aaron C. Guckian  
100 Jefferson Drive  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Re: Determination of Unexpended Campaign Funds

Dear Aaron C. Guckian:

In accordance with section 17-25-25 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, any candidate receiving public funds is required to transfer to the General Treasurer 50% of any unexpended funds for deposit into the State's General Fund.

Based upon the reports submitted to the RI Board of Elections ("Board") for the 2022 election cycle, the Board determined that your campaign had unexpended campaign funds of \$8,053.45. Thus, 50% of that amount, or \$4,026.72, is due and payable to the General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island.

To signify your agreement with the above computation, please sign and date this letter below and return it with your payment to the RI Board of Elections, 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921, by March 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Thornton  
Director of Campaign Finance

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3/27/2023

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**Computation of Unexpended Campaign Funds  
Aaron Christopher Guckian  
2022**

**Contributions:**

Contributions	147,883.73
Loan Proceeds	10,075.00
Matching Public Funds	181,469.00
Refunded Contributions	-3,375.64
Repayment of Loan	-10,075.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b><u>325,977.09</u></b>

**Expenditures:**

Expenditures - General Account	142,964.54
Expenditures - Matching Public Funds (all MPF-eligible)	175,594.10
Expenditure - Reimbursed Account Q1 2023	-635.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>317,923.64</u></b>

**Excess of Contributions over Expenditures-2022 Election** 8,053.45

Percentage of Excess to return to State 0.50

Amount Due to the State of Rhode Island 4,026.72

Amount Paid to the State of Rhode Island - March 28, 2023 -4,026.72

Balance due 0.00

**FRIENDS OF AARON GUCKIAN**

6310 POST RD  
NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852

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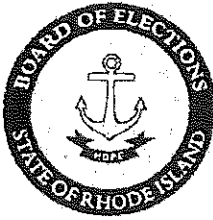
**CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Peter Neronha

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March 15, 2023

Attorney General Peter F. Neronha  
7 Ranger Court  
Jamestown, RI 02835

Re: Determination of Unexpended Campaign Funds

Dear Attorney General Peter F. Neronha:

In accordance with section 17-25-25 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, any candidate receiving public funds is required to transfer to the General Treasurer 50% of any unexpended funds for deposit into the State's General Fund.

Based upon the reports submitted to the RI Board of Elections ("Board") for the 2022 election cycle, the Board determined that your campaign had unexpended campaign funds of \$43,814.28. Thus, 50% of that amount, or \$21,907.14, is due and payable to the General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island.

To signify your agreement with the above computation, please sign and date this letter below and return it with your payment to the RI Board of Elections, 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921, by March 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Thornton  
Director of Campaign Finance

Accepted by:

  
ATTORNEY GENERAL PETER F. NERONHA

Date:

3-23-2023

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**SCHEDULE 1**

**Computation of Unexpended Campaign Funds  
Peter F. Neronha  
2022**

**Contributions:**

Carried Forward Balance: Previous Election Cycle - General Account	45,072.77
Carried Forward Balance: Previous Election Cycle - MPF Account	300.00
Contributions	429,005.00
Matching Public Funds	192,900.00
Other Receipt	1.00
Refunded Contributions	-2,484.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b><u>664,794.77</u></b>

**Expenditures:**

Expenditures - General Account	428,434.51
Expenditures - Matching Public Funds Account (all MPF-eligible)	192,945.98
Return of Funds Q1 2023 - Uncashed check #1086	-400.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>620,980.49</u></b>

**Excess of Contributions over Expenditures-2022 Election** 43,814.28

Percentage of Excess to return to State 0.50

Amount Due to the State of Rhode Island 21,907.14

Amount Paid to the State of Rhode Island - March 29, 2023 -21,907.14

Balance due 0.00

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DATE: 3/15/2023

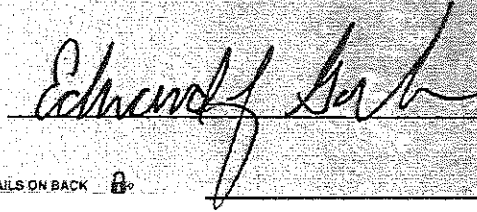
**Neronha for Rhode Island**  
1 Park Row, Suite 5  
Providence, RI 02903

PAY ONLY **21,907.14**  
Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seven and 14/100 Dollars

\$ 21,907.14

PAY Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seven and 14/100 Dollars

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c/o RI Board of Elections  
50 Branch Avenue  
Providence, RI 02904



MEMO: refund of 50% of unexpended funds for 2022

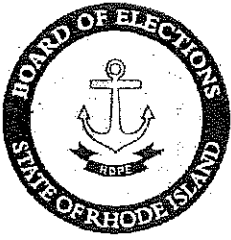
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**CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL TREASURER**

James Diosa

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March 2, 2023

General Treasurer James A. Diossa  
302 Pullen Avenue  
Pawtucket, RI 02861

Re: Determination of Unexpended Campaign Funds

Dear General Treasurer James A. Diossa:

In accordance with section 17-25-25 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, any candidate receiving public funds is required to transfer to the General Treasurer 50% of any unexpended funds for deposit into the State's General Fund.

Based upon the reports submitted to the Board of Elections ("Board") for the 2022 election cycle, the Board determined that your campaign had unexpended campaign funds of \$0.00. Thus, no funds are due and payable to the General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island.

To signify your agreement with the above computation, please sign and date this letter below and return it with your payment to the RI Board of Elections, 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921, by March 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Thornton  
Director of Campaign Finance

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 03/07/2023

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*SCHEDULE 1*

*Computation of Unexpended Campaign Funds  
James A. Diossa  
2022*

*Contributions:*

Carried Forward Balance From Previous Election Cycle	1,416.00
Contributions	395,757.00
Matching Public Funds	324,250.00
Other Receipt	2.00
Loan Proceeds	30,000.00
Loan Repayment	-3,783.00
Refunded Contributions	-3,250.00
<b><i>Total Contributions</i></b>	<b><u>744,392.00</u></b>

*Expenditures:*

Expenditures - General Account	420,142.00
Expenditures - Matching Public Funds (all MPF-eligible)	324,250.00
<b><i>Total Expenditures</i></b>	<b><u>744,392.00</u></b>

***Excess of Contributions over Expenditures-2022 Election*** 0.00

Percentage of Excess to return to State 0.50

Amount Due to the State of Rhode Island 0.00

Balance due 0.00

**CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE**

Gregg Amore

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February 9, 2023

Secretary Gregg M. Amore  
73 Plymouth Road  
East Providence, RI 02914

Re: Determination of Unexpended Campaign Funds

Dear Secretary Gregg M. Amore:

In accordance with section 17-25-25 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, any candidate receiving public funds is required to transfer to the General Treasurer 50% of any unexpended funds for deposit into the State's General Fund.

Based upon the reports submitted to the Board of Elections ("Board") for the 2022 election cycle, the Board determined that your campaign had unexpended campaign funds of \$40,382.56. Thus, 50% of that amount, or \$20,191.28, is due and payable to the General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island.

To signify your agreement with the above computation, please sign and date this letter below and return it with your payment to the RI Board of Elections, 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921, by March 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Thornton  
Director of Campaign Finance

Accepted by: Gregg M. Amore

Date: 2/09/2023

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**SCHEDULE 1**

**Computation of Unexpended Campaign Funds  
Gregg Michael Amore  
2022**

**Contributions:**

Carried Forward Balance From Previous Election Cycle	20,823.93
Contributions	275,663.66
Matching Public Funds	324,250.00
Other Receipt	275.00
Loan Proceeds	20,000.00
Loan Repayment	-20,000.00
Refunded Contributions	-950.00
NSF Check	-200.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b><u>619,862.59</u></b>

**Expenditures:**

Expenditures and Accounts Payable Repayment - General Account	292,003.31
Expenditures - Matching Public Funds (all MPF-eligible)	276,781.05
2022 MPF Eligible Expenditures Paid in 2023 Q1	10,695.67
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>579,480.03</u></b>

**Excess of Contributions over Expenditures-2022 Election** 40,382.56

Percentage of Excess to return to State 0.50

Amount Due to the State of Rhode Island 20,191.28

Amount Paid to the State of Rhode Island - February 22, 2023 -20,191.28

Balance due 0.00



FRIENDS OF AMORE, MPF  
73 PLYMOUTH ROAD  
EAST PROVIDENCE RI 02914

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Lee Amore

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