

Agency 087 - ACCOUNTABILITY & DISCLOSURE COMM

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act (NPADA) was passed in 1976 and became effective in 1977. See sections 49-1401 through 49-14,141 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. The NPADA created the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. The Commission is charged with the administration and enforcement of the State's campaign finance disclosure laws, its lobbying laws and its conflict of interest laws.

The Commission was formerly charged with the administration of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act, a separate body of law. The Legislature repealed the CFLA in 2013. See Laws 2013, LB 79.

VISION:

The vision of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission is to advance integrity in the electoral process and in state and local government through disclosure and accountability.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission is to administer and enforce the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. There are five principles which guide this process. Additional detailed information is available in the agency budget document located at the state budget division website - "<https://das-nebs.ne.gov/public/faces/publicIndex.jsp>".

GOALS:

The goal of the Commission is to administer and enforce the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. This is accomplished by ensuring that public officials, public employees, candidates, political committees, lobbyists and principals have ready access to information and advice which facilitates compliance with the NPADA. It is further accomplished by ensuring that there is a process in place for the investigation of possible violations and, as required, the prosecutions of those violations pursuant to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act and the Administrative Procedures Act.

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Cash Fund	359,672	238,871	244,846	240,494	251,575	242,405
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Program 94 is the agency's administrative program. It has three categories; campaign finance, conflicts of interest, and lobbying activity. The objective of the campaign finance category is to collect information on the financing of political campaigns from candidates and others and to make the information available to the public. The objective of the conflicts of interest category is to provide information to public officials and public employees so that they can properly address and disclose potential conflicts of interest. The objective of the lobbying activity category is to promote openness in the legislative process by collecting information from lobbyists and principals and making this information available to the public.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance measures of state agencies are typically based upon work output or volume of reports filed. This is not a useful measure. The number of reports filed changes each year depending upon whether it is an election year and upon whether it is a gubernatorial election year. A year to year comparison of the number of reports filed does not show the level of compliance with NPADA. A better measure is to compare the number of reports timely filed to the number of reports filed late and compute the percent of variance. While this is more a measure of the performance of the filers than of the agency, it may provide anecdotal information on the effectiveness of the Commission's instructional materials.

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