

# Agency 87 - Accountability & Disclosure Commission

## Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission was created in 1976 by the Nebraska Legislature within the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The Act is cited as Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 49-1401 through Section 49-14,141 inclusive.

The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission is also responsible for implementing the provisions of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. The CFLA is cited within Nebraska Revised Statutes 32-1601 through 32-1614.

## Vision Statement:

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

## Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission is to administer and enforce the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act and the Campaign Finance Limitation Act.

## Goals:

The goals of the Agency are:

### 1. Campaign Activities

Program 94 Goal 1: To promote accountability through disclosure of the sources and uses of funds which are part of the campaign process. The disclosure process includes ensuring that campaign finance information is readily available to the public.

### 2. Conflicts of Interest

Program 94 Goal 2: To promote a process that encourages public officials and public employees to be independent and impartial in making governmental decisions and policies and to ensure that public office or employment are never "used for personal financial gain other than compensation provided by law".

### 3. Lobbying Practices

Program 94 Goal 3: To promote accountability through disclosure of the identity of lobbyists and their principals including the disclosure of the receipts and expenditures of lobbyists and principals.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	373,027	399,850	399,850	369,055	399,850	420,122
Cash Fund	191,958	889,480	941,619	984,576	1,015,115	1,020,297
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	564,985	1,289,330	1,341,469	1,353,631	1,414,965	1,440,419

# Agency 87 - Accountability & Disclosure Commission

## Program 094 - Administration

---

### Program Objectives:

Program 94 is the primary administrative process of the agency. There are three categories within the program. The categories are campaign finance (CF), conflicts of interest (CI), and lobbying activity (LA). The main objective of (CF) is to collect information on the financing of political campaigns from candidates, ballot question committees, and others and to make the information readily available to the public. The main objective of (CI) is to provide information to public officials and public employees so that they can properly handle and disclose conflicts of interest. The main objective of (LA) is to promote openness in the legislative process by collecting information about lobbyists and principals and by making this information available to the public.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	373,027	399,850	399,850	369,055	399,850	420,122
Cash Fund	71,480	112,962	123,233	166,190	123,329	128,511
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>444,507</b>	<b>512,812</b>	<b>523,083</b>	<b>535,245</b>	<b>523,179</b>	<b>548,633</b>

### Performance Measures:

In the past, the performance measures of this agency were primarily based upon activity, work output, or volume of reports filed. This is not a particularly useful measure since the number of reports which must be filed changes significantly from year to year. Factors which affect the number of filings required include whether it is, or is not, an election year; whether an election year is a gubernatorial election year; and the number of public offices in which an incumbent is seeking reelection. Thus, simple comparison from year to year of the number of reports filed does not in any way indicate the level of compliance with the Act. A better measure of performance would be to compare the number of reports filed on a timely basis to the number of reports filed late and compute the percent of variance. Even this measure is more a measure of the performance of the filers than of the agency. However, it may provide anecdotal information on the effectiveness of the Commission's instructional materials and seminars.

# Agency 87 - Accountability & Disclosure Commission

## Program 095 - Campaign Finance Limitation Act Cash Fund

---

**Program Objectives:**

The primary objective of the program 95, The Campaign Finance Limitations Act, is to increase the number of qualified candidates for public office in the State of Nebraska by using public funds to assist in the financing of certain Campaigns.

**Financial Data:**

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	120,478	776,518	818,386	818,386	891,786	891,786
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,478</b>	<b>776,518</b>	<b>818,386</b>	<b>818,386</b>	<b>891,786</b>	<b>891,786</b>

**Performance Measures:**

The development of performance measures in this program is problematic. The number of candidates participating in the program (either as abiding candidates or non-abiding candidates) is expected to vary significantly depending upon whether it is the year of an election or an off-election year. It also depends upon whether it is a gubernatorial election year (in which candidates for Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, Secretary of State and State Treasurer also seek office). The amount of public funds distributed is not a useful measure since no public funds are distributed in races in which all candidates abide by voluntary spending limits.