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Five statewide candidates receive public funding for general election

BOSTON – One candidate for governor and four other statewide candidates qualified for matching public funds for their general election campaigns. The campaigns received these amounts based on several criteria, including the matching qualifying contributions they submitted:

Timothy Cahill, Governor:	\$571,000
Suzanne Bump, Auditor:	\$72,169
Martha Coakley, Attorney General:	\$72,169
Mary Connaughton, Auditor:	\$59,903
William Campbell, Secretary:	\$26,406

Cahill and Campbell have until Oct. 15 to submit additional qualifying contributions for matching funds (Cahill can receive a maximum of \$750,000, and Campbell can receive up to \$72,169). Coakley, Bump and Connaughton have already received the maximum amounts available to their campaigns.

The state's system of public financing offers public funds to statewide candidates if they agree to spending limits, which vary according to the office sought.

State law calls for candidates for governor to be funded first, with any remaining funds to be distributed to other statewide candidates who are eligible to receive public financing. Because Cahill's campaign is eligible to receive up to \$750,000, and the State Election Campaign Fund contains \$1,038,676, the remaining balance of \$288,676 is split between other statewide candidates who agreed to statutory spending limits and submitted the necessary amounts of contributions to qualify for public funding (Bump, Coakley, Connaughton and Campbell).