WHERE TO BEGIN

All money raised or spent in relation to a campaign must be accounted for and tracked. This includes the use of the candidate’s personal money.

TREASURER APPOINTMENT & REPORTING

Once a candidate has raised or spent $500, a candidate must file the appointment a political treasurer and begin reporting the campaign finances, including the sources and expenses for the first $500.

The Declaration of Candidacy filed to run for office makes the candidate the default political treasurer for those who have not met the $500 threshold until an alternate is appointed.

WHERE TO REPORT

All candidates for all offices now report online via the Secretary of State’s Campaign Finance Portal. The portal may be found at: https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/campaign-finance-filing/

For local officials all assistance, oversight, and enforcement will be done by the County Clerk of the home county for the city, school, or local district.

DONATION LIMITS

Maximum contribution is $1,000 per individual, business* or political committee per election. Any single contributions of $1,000 must be reported within 48 hours of receipt. *Businesses sharing controlling ownership may only contribute $1,000 combined.

DISCLOSURES

All campaign material (signs, flyers, mailings, TV ads, etc.) should contain a disclosure statement. For example: “Paid for by Yosemite Sam for Governor, Elmer Fudd Treasurer”

“No one was ever fined for over-reporting”