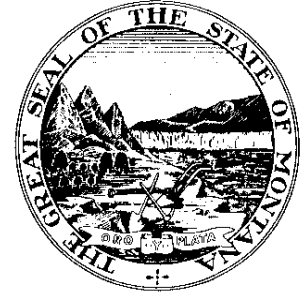


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Instructions (Revised 03/08) Form C-7 Notice of pre-election contributions

Who is required to file a Form C-7?

In accordance with Montana law (§ 13-37-226, MCA):

- *any statewide candidate* must file a Form C-7 if \$200 or more is received from a single source between the 20th day before an election and the date of the election;
- *any statewide political committee* organized to support or oppose statewide ballot issues must file a Form C-7 if \$500 or more is received from a single source between the 10th day before an election and the date of election;
- *any other candidate or political committee* must file a Form C-7 if \$100 or more is received from a single source between the 17th day before an election and the date of the election.

When must a Form C-7 be filed?

- Statewide candidates must file within 24 hours after receipt of a contribution of \$200 or more.
- Statewide political committees must file within 24 hours after receipt of a contribution of \$500 or more.
- All other candidates or political committees must file within 48 hours after receipt of a contribution of \$100 or more.

Where must a Form C-7 be filed?

- One copy must be filed with the Commissioner of Political Practices at the address above.
- Keep one copy for the candidate's or political committee's records.

All contributions reported on a Form C-7 must be included on the next financial report filed -- Form C-5 for candidates; Form C-6 for political committees

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