



## Distributed Fundraising: Political Spending Approval Process

In order to help local groups fundraise, it's necessary that the funds are donated to Indivisible Project, our national organization, and then granted by us to your local group for your permissible activities. Indivisible Project is a nonprofit corporation that is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt 501(c)(4) organization. For that reason, money granted through this program can only be spent on activities that are legally permissible for a 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation. The Political Spending Approval Process helps ensure that your group's activities comply with all FEC and IRS restrictions.

### Before you submit a request, ask yourself the following questions:



#### Is this Activity Political?

Are you working to support or oppose a specific candidate for public office? If so, then it's probably political activity.



#### Is it an Independent Expenditure?

Did your group plan the activity on our own accord, without coordinating or receiving nonpublic information from a candidate, campaign, or political party? If so, then it is probably an independent expenditure.



#### Is it Federal?

Is the election for a House seat, Senate seat, or for President? If so, then it's a federal race.

If you answered yes to all three questions, then it's time to submit a political spending approval request! If you answered no to question 2 or 3, then the spending is not allowed under the program, but feel free to reach out to [fundraising@indivisible.org](mailto:fundraising@indivisible.org) if you have questions.

## Here are the steps to submit a request.

Please keep in mind that the approval process may take a while -- we almost always respond within one week, but frequently there are questions / clarifications or back-and-forth, which means the process can take up to two weeks. For this reason, we cannot guarantee a response for requests submitted less than two weeks out.



### Submit a pre-approval request [here](#).

You will need to include your group/contact information, election information (including the race, candidate, whether it's a primary/general/special election), and spending information (amount, date, purpose).

If using printed or digital material, you will also need to submit proofs with the following disclaimer:

Paid for by Indivisible Project (indivisible.org). Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.



### The request is reviewed internally.

In addition to asking the three questions above, we will also vet the candidate to ensure that they are aligned with our values.

If the expense includes printed or digital material, we will also check that the correct disclaimer is included and will review the language and design.



### The expense is Approved or Denied.

Once approved or denied, you will get a notification email.

If approved, the email will include a link to submit your final spending receipts.



### You spend the money!

Report back to us within 24 hours of spending using the link provided in the approval email.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please reach out to [fundraising@indivisible.org](mailto:fundraising@indivisible.org).