

Citizens Clean Elections Commission

| | FY 2015 ACTUAL | FY 2016 ESTIMATE | FY 2017 BASELINE |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| FUND SOURCES | | | |
| Other Non-Appropriated Funds | 8,909,200 | 11,732,600 | 11,732,600 |
| TOTAL - ALL SOURCES | 8,909,200 | 11,732,600 | 11,732,600 |

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — As authorized by a 1998 ballot initiative, the Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC) provides full public funding to qualified candidates who agree to abide by the commission's guidelines. To qualify for funding, participating candidates must adhere to spending and contribution limits, and gather \$5 qualifying contributions from district constituents who are registered voters. Participating candidates also agree to attend required debates. The commission is not subject to legislative appropriation.

Other Issues

Clean Elections Fund Transfer to the General Fund

Pursuant to a 1998 ballot proposition (A.R.S. § 16-954B), the CCEC is instructed to return excess monies to the General Fund if it determines that anticipated revenues exceed anticipated expenses. The CCEC determines this on an annual basis by projecting revenues and expenses over the next 4 years and designating monies above the amount needed to meet current and future expenses as "excess monies" to be transferred to the General Fund. The most recent transfer was in FY 2012, when \$10 million was transferred to the General Fund. For a complete list of Citizens Clean Elections Fund transfers to the General Fund, please see *Table 1*.

Table 1
Clean Elections Fund Transfers to General Fund

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Transfer</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| FY 2003 | \$ 1,774,600 |
| FY 2004 | 3,828,000 |
| FY 2005 | 973,900 |
| FY 2006 | 2,500,000 |
| FY 2008 | 18,876,200 |
| FY 2009 | 7,000,000 |
| FY 2010 | 10,000,000 |
| FY 2011 | 20,000,000 |
| FY 2012 | <u>10,000,000</u> |
| Total | \$74,952,700 |

| SUMMARY OF FUNDS | FY 2015 Actual | FY 2016 Estimate |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Citizens Clean Elections Fund (ECA2425/A.R.S. § 16-949) | | Non-Appropriated |
| Source of Revenue: Election-related civil penalties; civil and criminal fine and penalty surcharges; "qualifying contributions" on behalf of candidates who seek public campaign funding. Prior to FY 2013, the commission also generated revenues from a check-off box on state income tax forms and tax credits. Laws 2012, Chapter 257 repealed those provisions. | | |
| Purpose of Fund: To fund administrative costs of the Citizens Clean Election Commission, campaigns of candidates who qualify for public campaign funding under A.R.S. § 16-950, and activities pertaining to voter education. | | |
| Funds Available | | |
| Balance Forward | 22,822,400 | 22,312,200 |
| Revenue: | | |
| Court Assessments | 8,243,400 | 8,215,000 |
| Qualifying Contributions | 87,800 | 50,000 |
| \$5 Check Off Box | 33,600 | 0 |
| Other | <u>34,200</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total Funds Available | 31,221,400 | 30,577,200 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| Operating Funds Expended | 6,119,800 | 8,106,300 |
| Candidate Funding | <u>2,789,400</u> | <u>3,626,300</u> |
| Total Funds Expended | 8,909,200 | 11,732,600 |
| Transfer Out to General Fund | 0 | 0 |
| Year-End Fund Balance | 22,312,200 | 18,844,600 |