



Summary of Maryland Fair Elections Act

Threshold to Qualify for Small Donor Matching Program	
	Governor
Number of Donations	1,500
Amount of Donations	\$120,000
*Must forgo contributions greater than \$250 and only accept contributions from individuals (no money from corporations, unions, PACs, etc.). Multiple contributions from one person cannot exceed \$250.	

Match Ratios	
	Governor
First \$50	8 to 1
Second \$50	6 to 1
Third \$50	2 to 1
\$250 cap	Accepted, no match
*Only contributions from Maryland voters are matched. No match provided for last \$100.	

	Governor
Match Cap	\$3,000,000
*Once the cap is reached, candidates can continue to raise donations from individuals of \$250 or less but will not receive any matching funds. The match cap is per election.	

Example Candidate Performance	
Total Raised if Gubernatorial Candidate Reaches Program Cap	Donors & Amount to Reach Program Cap
\$3,562,500 (\$3mil match + \$562,500)	Raise \$150 donations from 3,750 donors

Anticipated Cost to State
\$4.625 million a year would cover operating costs and 4 primary and 2 general election candidates for each Governor, assuming a full match.