



campaign funds for childcare (CFCC)

In 2018, the Federal Election Commission (FEC), in a unanimous and bipartisan vote, approved the use of Campaign Funds for Childcare, setting a precedent for all federal candidates across the country.

Since then, working under both Democratic and Republican leadership, **40 states and Washington, D.C., have authorized CFCC in some form**, allowing state and local candidates to use their campaign funds to pay for childcare related to campaigning activities. These authorizations are a mix of legislative and administrative rule changes.

In states where CFCC is allowed, caregiving expenses can be used like any other allowable campaign expense as it relates to the duties of campaigning for public office.

If you are running for office in the following states, you can use campaign funds on childcare expenses:

Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawai'i, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

how do you use CFCC on the campaign trail?

In states where CFCC is allowed, candidates may use their campaign funds on any campaign related childcare expense while running for office.

Examples include hiring a babysitter to attend a fundraising event, covering the cost of childcare during campaign activities, or paying for daycare services while conducting door-to-door voter outreach. Candidates should report childcare expenses as any other campaign expense. Some examples of how candidates have listed childcare on their federal, state and local campaign finance reports include: "childcare," "child care," "daycare," "day care," "babysit," "baby sit," "babysitting," "baby sitting," "babysitter," "baby sitter," or "dependent care." Please consult a campaign finance attorney before making any allowable expense related to your campaign.

If you use your campaign funds on childcare, let us know!

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Vote Mama Foundation, a nonpartisan 501(c)(3), is tracking the usage and authorization of Campaign Funds for Childcare (CFCC) at the federal and state levels.

If you don't see your state listed, but want to know if CFCC is allowed in your state, submit an Advisory Opinion request.