

campaign funds for security (CFS)



what is CFS?

In 2024, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) issued a final rule change, clarifying that all federal candidates and officeholders, may use campaign funds to pay for security measures so long as the expenses address ongoing threats or dangers directly related to their public status. Permissible security expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Non-structural security devices
- Structural security devices
- Security personnel
- Cybersecurity software, devices, and services

CFS at the state level

10 states have enacted similar laws or rulings that allow candidates for state and local office to use campaign funds on security expenses. In states where CFS is allowed, security expenses can be used like any other allowable campaign expense as they relate to the duties of campaigning for public office.

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

State	Year Approved	Non-structural security devices	Structural security devices	Professional security personnel and services	Cybersecurity software, devices, and services
Arkansas	2022	✓		✓	
California	2020	✓	✓	✓	
Georgia	2021	✓			
Idaho	2024	✓		✓	✓
Louisiana	2002			✓	
Maryland	2019				✓
Massachusetts	2021; 2025	✓		✓	
Michigan	2021	✓			
Minnesota	2021	✓			✓
North Dakota	2025	✓		✓	✓

National Landscape

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If you want to see if CFS is allowed in your state, submit an Advisory Opinion request. Visit our website to learn more.

