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Federal Election Commission Increases Campaign Contribution Limits

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Highlights

The Federal Election Campaign Act requires the Federal Election Commission to analyze inflation for potential adjustments to campaign contribution limits

Based on its analysis, the FEC may make adjustments to account for any inflation

Such adjustments have resulted in increases for 2021-2022 for certain individual contributions and also for certain Political Action Committee (non-multicandidate) contributions

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) conducts a detailed analysis of inflation and cost-of-living increases on a biennial basis for purposes of evaluating federal campaign contribution limits. This analysis is required by the Federal Campaign Election Act (FECA) which authorizes the FEC to make adjustments in odd-numbered years to account for inflation.

Accordingly, the FEC has just released its adjustments for the 2021-2022 cycle.

Individuals may now contribute \$2,900 per election to a federal candidate

committee. Additionally, individuals may contribute a maximum of \$36,500 per year to National Party Committees and \$109,500 per calendar year/per account to Additional National Party Accounts (e.g. presidential nominating convention accounts, election recount and legal proceedings accounts, national party headquarters building accounts, etc.).

Political Action Committees (PACs) (non-multicandidate) also had adjustments for inflation. Non-multicandidate PACs are now permitted the same maximum contribution as noted above.

Contribution limits for other categories of contributors and for other committee types remained the same from the 2019-2020 cycle.

The [full chart](#) for all contributor and committee types is published by the FEC biennially.

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