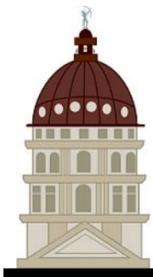


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Reports show candidates' fundraising

Mann has \$2.3M on hand; Marshall has \$4.1M

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New filings with the Federal Election Commission show campaign finance details for the state's six members of Congress and other candidates in the 2026 elections.

Federal candidates and political committees that meet certain thresholds are required to disclose information about the money they raise and spend to the FEC.

The FEC's year-end 2025 report had a filing deadline of Jan. 31. The reports show how much the candidates raised and spent from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31

and how much money they have going into the 2026 primary and general elections.

Here is what the FEC reports show for the congressional candidates' principal campaign committees.

Jerry Moran won't be on ballot until 2028

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas, won't be on the ballot in the 2026 elec-

tions. His six-year term in the Senate isn't up until the 2028 elections.

Moran's campaign for 2028 campaign had about \$5.4 million cash on hand. That was after recording about \$73,000 in net contributions and about \$73,000 in net operating expenditures during the period, according to the report by Moran for Kansas. The campaign owed about \$34,000 in debts and

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DCF secretary Laura Howard has asked lawmakers for additional funding to help address the SNAP payment error rate, but budget committees are rejecting the requests. TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL FILE

Kansas lawmakers risk SNAP penalties

Auditors back funding to fix error rate, but money isn't included in budget

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Kansas lawmakers are ignoring the recommendation from their auditors that backs the governor's request to spend more money now to address a problem that could cost taxpayers far

more in the future.

The budget request from Gov. Laura Kelly and the Kansas Department for Children and Families asks for \$4.4 million over two years for technology to address the payment error rate for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

If Kansas doesn't improve its error

rate soon, the state could have to pay as much as \$60 million a year.

The error rate has become a hot-button issue in Kansas politics. Republicans, including at least some of the candidates running for governor in 2026, have seized upon it to criticize

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Is Republican supermajority on the line?

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OTTAWA — Democratic National Committee chair Ken Martin believes 2026 is the year Democrats break the Republican supermajority in the Kansas Legislature.

"The climate right now certainly seems to favor Democrats," Martin said.

The DNC chair was in Ottawa on Feb. 7 for a roundtable and spoke with The Capital-Journal in an exclusive interview afterward.

"I was here in both Kansas and Missouri over the last couple of days, meeting with various folks, with some farmers here today in Ottawa and some Democratic leaders," Martin said. "I was meeting with labor leaders in Kansas City just the other day as well. The reason I'm here is because this is a really important state, and my philosophy at the DNC is when you organize everywhere you can win anywhere, and we're not leaving any state behind.

"There's a lot of important races on the ballot here in Kansas. We feel very optimistic, the wind at our back on the heels of a really historic 2025, which was the best off-election-year for the Democratic Party in our party's history. We feel there's real opportunities to expand the map and do well here in Kansas."

One of those opportunities is the state Legislature.

"We also have a real opportunity to break the Republican supermajority in the House," Martin said. "We only need to pick up five seats, and I think we're going to do that. Brandon Woodard is doing a really good job leading the House Dems right now. There's a lot of energy there, and so we feel

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