

PROPOSED PROGRAM ADDITION

MONEY IN POLITICS

TOPIC: Financing Political Campaigns in Nebraska “Money and Politics in Nebraska”.

FOCUS; Review financing of political campaigns in Nebraska for the past two statewide election cycles for a select group of offices (TBA).

SCOPE: Research Accountability and Disclosure records to determine donors, amounts of donations, reporting by candidates and/or campaign managers, penalties assigned for failure to report.

Compare Accountability and Disclosure records to outcomes of election races to determine to what extent the amount of money a candidate receives and spends determines the outcome of the election.

GOALS:

1. The LWVUS has a well-developed position on money and politics. This study would provide data specific to Nebraska elections and could be used to develop testimony at state and local levels in support of campaign finance reform.
2. The study could be shared across the state with other organizations through LWV speakers as well as a media campaign including public opinion pieces, letters to the editor and press releases.