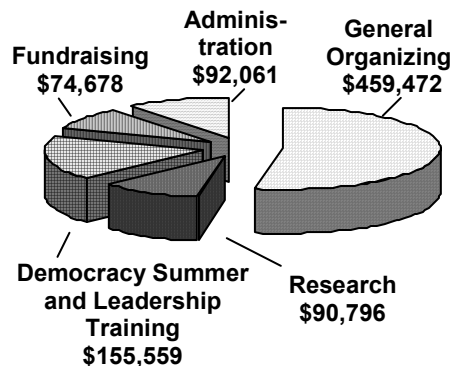


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### Expenses By Program Area



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### It's Less . . . and More for 2009

Did you know that NC led the nation as the state with the biggest jump in voter turnout over 2004? And our "Voter-Owned" public financing program now covers more statewide offices than any other state.

We'll be building on these successes in 2009 with a larger network of energized partners. Our goals:

- ▶ **LESS big money in politics**
- ▶ **MORE voters at the polls**

To reduce the power of big money, we will push lawmakers to take the next steps for public financing:

- Expand the new program for the Council of State to cover the 5 remaining agency heads;
- Strengthen our nationally acclaimed program for judges;
- Authorize more cities to begin their own programs (and begin Chapel Hill's this year);
- Build momentum for public financing for legislative races in NC and for Congress.

We will also work with the Coalition for Lobby Reform to limit, and require disclosure of, donations given by political appointees and major state

contractors, plus pass a law requiring local governments to enact codes of ethical conduct.

In addition to ethics, disclosure, and public financing, the best antidote to big money's

grip on politics is lots of activated voters!

We're delighted with NC's surge in voter turnout, but we must continue to bring more voters into the process. In 2009, we will:

- Push for a law to require more weekend opportunities to

vote during Early Voting;

- Improve the rules for using Same-Day Registration;
- Explore ways to educate and engage youth; perhaps link the High School civics course to pre-registration for teenagers;
- Make access to absentee ballots easier for overseas and all voters, straighten out the "straight-party" ticket, beef up poll worker training, and teach ex-felons their voting rights.
- Also, reform the Electoral College and help cities adopt ways to improve their elections.

There's plenty to do. Use the inside flap to sign up for alerts – and be part of more success!

#### OF THE PEOPLE

You're invited to read about our activities in 2008 (literally, all over the map), plus Democracy Summer for 2009 and our other work to put people at the center of NC politics. Please visit: [www.democracy-nc.org](http://www.democracy-nc.org)

# Your Support Makes the Difference!

In case we haven't said it enough . . . **THANK YOU** for your support of Democracy NC. Many of you stepped up your contribution, despite the hard times, and we are grateful. Others felt over-extended after supporting a favorite candidate or party. We understand. As we say, "Be a player in the existing system, but also help us 'win' a new system."

We envision a new system where:

- Getting elected depends on connections to voters, not access to big money;
- Candidates spend time on issues, not fundraising;
- Small contributions are as meaningful as large ones;
- Policies are chosen on their merit, without the confounding influence of political money.

We applaud your activism and your support for meaningful reform. We look forward to a year with less demand on campaign contributors, when donors can refocus on systemic reform in their action and giving. But we know *all* donors will be stretched in 2009.

We ask you to connect to Democracy NC's core mission of voter-owned elections and government of, for, and by the people. The current economic disaster illustrates the results of policies of, for, and by the narrow special interests. Re-orienting politics and policies to engage, educate and serve all the people will help each of us, our planet, and our future. We hope you'll be with us in 2009 as we work hard to fulfill this mission. We cannot succeed without you.

- **Molly Beacham, Director of Development and Bob Hall, Executive Director**

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