

Missouri Ethics Commission  
**Campaign Finance Electronic Filing System**  
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## **Prior Report Totals:**

Each candidate or committee required to form and register a committee must maintain a running balance of activity from the time the candidate became a candidate, or the committee first began activity, through the termination of the committee, for each of these categories: receipts, expenditures, contributions made, money on hand and indebtedness.

In order to meet this requirement, filers must bring forward the ending amount from the prior report. If it is the first report being filed, enter zero for each category.

Receipts, expenditures and contributions made run per election cycle or calendar year (depending on committee type):

- At the beginning of a new election cycle, candidate committees enter zero. If not the beginning of a new election cycle, enter the ending amount for each category (receipts, expenditures, and contributions made) from the last full disclosure report filed during this cycle.
- At the beginning of a new calendar year, all other committees enter zero.

Money on hand and indebtedness continue to run for the life of the committee and will not re-start at zero at any time during the committee's life.