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Candidates for June runoff and May municipal elections jointly raised \$16.9 million statewide and spent \$14 million, according to reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

Jeff Brindle, ELEC's Executive Director, said spending topped \$100,000 in ten municipalities.

"This is the first year that ELEC has tracked candidate spending in municipal elections. Hopefully, it provides the public with a useful snapshot of municipal campaign activity throughout New Jersey," said Brindle.

	Statewide Receipts	Statewide Expenditures
May Municipal Elections	\$ 14,885,589	\$ 12,252,253
June Runoff Elections	\$ 2,000,614	\$ 1,808,383
Grand Totals	\$ 16,886,203	\$ 14,060,636

With the mayor's seat and council positions up for reelection, campaigns in Newark, the state's largest city, drew the heaviest funding. A ballot question involving a proposed sale of the municipal water system boosted spending in Trenton, the state capital.

Municipality	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures
Newark City	\$ 10,261,242	\$ 7,998,930
Trenton City	\$ 1,863,164	\$ 1,683,825
Paterson City	\$ 1,412,881	\$ 1,362,340
Bayonne City	\$ 998,425	\$ 811,427
Union City	\$ 619,203	\$ 619,047
West Orange Town	\$ 295,484	\$ 283,814
Long Branch City	\$ 291,058	\$ 282,198
Ocean City	\$ 219,660	\$ 212,275
Clifton City	\$ 177,923	\$ 168,067
Jackson Township	\$ 123,755	\$ 116,959
Manchester Township	\$ 100,896	\$ 78,772

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Among fundraising committees, a joint committee headed by Newark Mayor Cory Booker topped all committees. Below is a list of the top five municipal fundraisers statewide during June runoff and May municipal elections:

Municipality	Candidate/ Committee	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures
Newark	Booker Team	\$ 7,697,679	\$ 6,078,010
Paterson	Torres, Jose	\$ 1,089,192	\$ 1,084,155
Trenton City	Committee For Trenton Yes	\$ 1,047,567	\$ 1,047,467
Bayonne City	Smith, Mark A	\$ 603,594	\$ 435,519
Newark City	Ramos, Anibal	\$ 527,546	\$ 246,438

Scanned paper reports of candidate fundraising committees are available to review on ELEC’s website (www.elec.state.nj.us). Individual donations made to local committees in 2010 soon will be added to ELEC’s master database, which allows easy searching and sorting. ELEC staff can help with searches or answer other questions. To reach them, call the toll-free hotline at 1-888-313-3532 (within New Jersey only) or by dialing 609-292-8700.

The analysis contained in this press release was based on reports filed by 5 p.m. on August 23, 2010. The numbers are based on reports that have yet to be verified by ELEC and should be considered preliminary. Interested parties are encouraged to review individual reports on ELEC’s website.

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