Public Funds in Presidential Campaigns

Primary Matching

_	Funds	Convention	General
1976	\$24,789,566	\$4,149,630	\$43,640,000
	15	2	2
1980	\$31,343,128	\$8,832,000	\$63,122,304
	10	2	3
1984	\$36,519,405	\$16,160,000	\$80,800,000
	11	2	2
1988	\$67,547,821	\$18,440,000	\$92,200,000
	15	2	2
1992	\$42,862,123	\$22,096,000	\$110,480,000
	12	2	2
1996	\$58,538,356	\$24,728,000	\$152,695,400
	11	2	3
2000	\$62,261,374	\$29,546,690	\$147,733,452
	10	3	3
2004	\$28,375,506	\$29,848,000	\$149,240,000
	8	2	2
2008	\$21,728,501	\$33,641,520	\$84,103,800
	8	2	1

Numbers below dollar amounts are the number of candidates/parties receiving funding. The third candidate receiving general election funding in 1980 was John Anderson.

In 1996, Ross Perot received partial general election funding as a minor party candidate.

In 2000, the Reform party received partial convention funding and Patrick Buchanan received partial general election funding

in 2008, Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama declined public funding for the general election.