The Government Publications Library is a regional depository of the U.S. government. This means that we receive most titles published by the federal government. It is also a United Nations depository, a European Union Depository, a State of Colorado depository, and has significant collections of state, foreign and international materials. In addition, the library collects technical reports issued in microfiche by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

**Chinook** includes records for federal publications, most from 1976 to the present. Selected international and foreign publications have been cataloged from 1990 on. Much of our material, however, is not in Chinook. In the department, we have various print and electronic tools to identify and locate these publications.

**Campaign Finance Resources**

- [Campaign Finance page](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/us/campaignfinance.htm)
- [Subject Guides](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/)
- [A-Z Guides](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/)

**Sources for data - U.S. Government Information (all on this page)**

- [Federal Election Commission](http://www.fec.gov/)
  - In 1975, Congress created the Federal Election Commission (FEC) as an independent regulatory agency to administer and enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) - the statute that governs the financing of federal elections.
  - [Campaign Finance Reports and Data](http://www.fec.gov/disclosure.shtml)
    - Links to the disclosure database, electronic filed reports (1997-present), scanned images of paper reports filed by Campaigns and Committees (1993-present), downloadable data files, Electioneering Communication Reports, Independent Expenditure Reports, and other campaign finance data.
    - Interactive national map that provides information of contributions to all candidates by state, candidate, donor's name, employer, city, or zip code.
- [Center for Responsive Politics](http://opensecrets.org)
  - Includes a race-by-race analysis of campaign contributions for the upcoming elections, congressional candidate profiles, and detailed analysis of major PAC contributions. Who giver? Who gets? How much?
- **Donor Lookup** [http://www.opensecrets.org/indivs/index.asp](http://www.opensecrets.org/indivs/index.asp)
  Database on individual and soft money contributors to federal candidates, political action committees and party committees since the 1990 election. Search by name, state, zip code, occupation/employer, or recipient.

  Social networking tool for 2008 presidential election. Shows relations between candidates, contributors, and industries.

### Sources for data – State information

  Find out who’s making the big political contributions in a particular state, as well as where the money’s coming from. Search by city, by zip code, and graphically using Opensecrets’ "money maps".

  This nonpartisan group tracks contributions in all 50 states and makes this data easily searchable.

- **Campaign Finance Information Center** [http://www.campaignfinance.org/states/index.html](http://www.campaignfinance.org/states/index.html)
  A clickable map to find out what campaign finance data is available in each state.

### Colorado Secretary of State Elections Center - Campaign Finance
Provides Campaign Finance Online Database, reporting and filing information, and laws, rules and advisory opinions.

### Campaign Finance Online Database
[http://www.sos.state.co.us/cpf/InquiryMainPage.do](http://www.sos.state.co.us/cpf/InquiryMainPage.do)
Search for committees/political organizations, registered agents, contributions, expenditures/spending, independent expenditures, major contribution reports, candidate, political race history, electioneering reports, and images of elections manual filings.

### Sources of information about campaign finance


- **Campaign Finance Institute** [http://www.cfinst.org/](http://www.cfinst.org/)
  "The Campaign Finance Institute is a non-partisan, non-profit institute, affiliated with The George Washington University, that conducts objective research and education, empanels task forces and makes recommendations for policy change in the field of campaign finance."

  The Congressional Research Service (CRS), the research arm of Congress, prepares reports (usually under 20 pages long) on topics of interest to members of Congress. Enter "campaign finance" as the search term.

- **National Disclosure and Research Resources** [http://www.opensecrets.org/basics/links/disclosure.asp](http://www.opensecrets.org/basics/links/disclosure.asp)