

Hamilton County's mayoral money race

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Mayoral incumbents in Hamilton County's four cities entered 2015 with thousands of dollars at their disposal for re-election campaigns, but cash on hand was lower for some



than at the same point in previous election cycles.

All incumbents, however, still headed into the Republican primary with more money in their pockets than their challengers. With no Democrats running yet, all eyes are on the primary.

Carmel



Jim Brainard

Brainard is seeking his sixth term. He was contested in the 2007 and 2011 primaries; this year, he faces Rick Sharp.

Financial support

2006	2010	2014
Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$146,900	Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$166,900	Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$142,600
Raised: \$269,300	Raised: \$226,700	Raised: \$188,500
Spent: \$168,400	Spent: \$112,100	Spent: \$84,700

Largest 2014 contributions

Michael Browning , real estate developer Browning Investments board chairman	\$10,000
DPBG Political Action Committee , which lists engineering firm American Structurepoint as its address. (American Structurepoint President Willis "Rick" Conner also donated \$8,500 individually.)	\$10,000
Buckingham Realty & Development	\$10,000



Rick Sharp

Sharp is Carmel City Council president and is making his first bid for mayor. His fundraising has substantially increased from the year before his last council campaign.

Financial support

2010	2014
Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$12,600	Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$69,900
Raised: \$12,600	Raised: \$88,400
Spent: \$1,900	Spent: \$24,200

Largest 2014 contributions

Christopher McComas , architect	\$8,000
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2014 contributors to both campaigns

	Brainard	Sharp
Faegre Baker Daniels LLP , law firm	\$1,000	\$1,500
Steve Pittman , developer	\$250	\$1,000

Fishers



Scott Fadness

Fadness was elected the first mayor of Fishers in 2014 when the town transitioned to a city. He is unopposed in the May primary, but Democrats could caucus a candidate this summer.

Financial support

2014
Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$50,900
Raised: \$101,700
Spent: \$149,100

Largest 2014 contributions

Barnes & Thornburg , law firm	\$5,000
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Westfield



Andy Cook

Cook faces political newcomer Jeff Harpe in the Republican primary. Harpe has not yet filed campaign finance reports; pre-primary reports are due April 17. Cook narrowly defeated Republican Russell Cameron in 2011.

Financial support

2010	2014
Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$7,400	Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$5,700
Raised: \$250	Raised: \$3,300
Spent: \$1,900	Spent: \$1,800

Largest 2014 contributions

Bose McKinney & Evans LLP , law firm	\$1,000
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Noblesville



John Ditslear

Ditslear is running for his fourth term. He was opposed in 2011 by Republican Steve Brown; he ran unopposed in 2007.

Financial support

2006	2010	2014
Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$129,400	Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$115,800	Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$88,400
Raised: \$74,200	Raised: \$59,100	Raised: \$44,400
Spent: \$42,000	Spent: \$31,700	Spent: \$66,000

Largest 2014 contributions

Willis "Rick" Conner , American Structurepoint president	\$2,400
CHA Consulting Political Action Committee	\$2,400



Mike Corbett

Corbett is publisher of Hamilton County Business Magazine. He lost to Ditslear in the 2011 general election, running as an independent.

Financial support

2014
Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$560
Raised: \$400
Spent: \$30

Largest 2014 contributions

Mary Sue Rowland , Noblesville Common Council at-large candidate	\$200
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