



What is MuniPAC? MuniPAC is a non-partisan state political action committee (PAC) formed under Iowa Code Chapter 68A. The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board (IECDB) enforces this law and adopts administrative rules as part 351 of the Iowa Administrative Code.

What is the purpose of MuniPAC? MuniPAC supports candidates who understand municipal utility issues and who will make decisions in the interest of municipal utilities and their consumer-owners. It gives IAMU a larger, more influential voice in representing municipal utility interests before the Iowa legislature.

How is MuniPAC organized? MuniPAC is non-partisan and is governed by a five-member board of directors designated by the IAMU Board of Directors and the IAMU Legislative and Regulatory Committee. The Board represents a cross-section of the association's membership and is responsible for reviewing and selecting candidates to receive MuniPAC support, as well as managing fundraising and communications.

Where does MuniPAC get its funds? All contributions to MuniPAC must be voluntary and must come from individuals. A corporation, including a city or city utility, cannot make contributions to MuniPAC. An individual cannot make a contribution in the name of another and MuniPAC cannot knowingly accept such contributions.

Are PAC contributions tax deductible? No! Political contributions, whether to a PAC, a political party, or an individual candidate are not tax deductible.

How are candidates chosen to receive MuniPAC support? The decision to support a candidate is made on the basis of the following criteria: (Not all criteria must be met, e.g., a recipient of funds does not have to be on the commerce committee or a member of a caucus leadership team.)

1. Does the candidate understand and support the concerns and interests of municipal utilities?
2. Is the candidate's position and voting record supportive of municipal utilities?
3. Does he or she serve on a committee considering legislation important to municipal utilities?
4. Does he or she hold a leadership position within the legislature or have the potential to hold a leadership position?
5. Can the candidate be elected and does he or she need MuniPAC's financial assistance?

Are there restrictions on who can be asked to make a MuniPAC contribution? In general, a utility or city official can encourage contributions from board and council members and salaried staff who are involved in policy making or are considered managerial, professional, or supervisory. Other employees may be given information about the existence and purpose of MuniPAC, but hourly employees, union members,

foremen, retired employees, contract employees, or consultants cannot be asked to make contributions. There must not be even the hint of coercion in soliciting or accepting funds.

Can hourly employees and others not eligible for solicitation make voluntary contributions to MuniPAC? Yes, as long as the individual's contribution is made voluntarily.

Need additional information? Please contact Julie Smith, Treasurer at 515-210-6616 or by email at jasmithlaw@mchsi.com, or Bob Haug, Chair at 515-289-1999 or by email at bhaug@iamu.org.

TO BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR OR MEMBER of MuniPAC
please complete the following and mail
with your personal check made out to MuniPAC and send it to:

MuniPAC
c/o Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities
Attn. Karen Crouch
1735 NE 70th Avenue
Ankeny, IA 50021

Date _____
Name _____
Home address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
City/utility/organization _____

- ◆ Enclosed is my personal check made payable to MuniPAC.
- ◆ Please check one of the following (smaller contributions are also greatly appreciated):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing member | \$35 – \$99 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting member | \$100 – \$199 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining member | \$200 – \$499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Circle | \$500 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other contributor | \$_____ (any amount helps) |