

Tancredo Gets Matching Funds

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Sep. 13, 2007 (ColoradoPols.com delivered by Newstex) -- From [The Denver Post](#): Tom **Tancredo's** presidential quest qualified for federal **matching** funds Wednesday, a boost his campaign said will keep it alive awhile longer... **Tancredo**, a Littleton Republican known for his criticism of U.S. immigration policies, now will get a dollar-for-dollar **match** up to the first \$250 of every contribution he's received this year... In paperwork filed June 30 with the Federal Election Commission, **Tancredo** had raised \$2.8 million and had about \$556,000 on hand. Qualifying for **matching** funds means **Tancredo's** campaign can get a bank loan for about \$2.5 million, Buchanan said. That loan is paid back with the **matching** funds, which will come beginning next year... ...To qualify for **matching** funds, candidates must raise at least \$100,000 by collecting \$5,000 in 20 different states, in amounts no greater than \$250 from any individual. **Tancredo** raised about \$176,000 through 3,082 contributions from 25 states. So far, only **Tancredo** and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., have qualified for and decided to take the **matching** funds, the FEC said. Most of the top-tier candidates have opted out of the system because it requires them to spend less than about \$50 million. But the news isn't all good for **Tancredo**. The Republican congressman has repeatedly called for the U.S. to deport all illegal immigrants, which it turns out, [would be pretty expensive](#). The department of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement estimates that [it would cost \\$94 billion](#) to deport every illegal immigrant in the U.S.

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