

Delaware Republican Party Sets the Record Straight on Party Finances, Leadership, and 2026 Strategy

The Delaware Republican Party yesterday issued a strong rebuttal to a recent Spotlight Delaware article that falsely accused the Party of financial mismanagement.

Far from the sensationalized narrative, the Delaware GOP is a lean, volunteer-driven organization committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and building a brighter future for all Delawareans.

As the 2026 midterm elections draw near, we are more determined than ever to rally conservative voters across the First State to join the fight against entrenched one-party rule that has stifled innovation, burdened families with high taxes, and ignored the voices of everyday citizens.

The Spotlight Delaware article overlooks key facts about our operations and finances, which are rooted in prudence and dedication to our mission. To reiterate our response, here are the truths that set the record straight:

- Like many small organizations and small businesses in Delaware, our Party faced a tight off-election year in 2025 and finished the year with no money left after paying all of our bills and operating costs.
- Our finances are transparent and fully reported to state and federal regulators; every dollar in and out is disclosed and available for public review, just as we expect government to be accountable to taxpayers.
- Nearly all of our current team are volunteers who give their time because they believe Delaware should not be a one-party state; this keeps our overhead low and focuses resources on winning races, not payroll.
- The much-discussed \$54,000 Homewood Suites payment was a pass-through for our Republican National Convention delegates, each of whom paid their share; it was an appropriate, authorized RNC lodging expense, not a luxury perk.
- Our Executive Director, Nick Miles, is paid as a 1099 independent contractor through his LLC, Red Vigilant—a legal, common, and fully disclosed arrangement used by parties, campaigns, and consulting firms across the country.
- The \$5,000 reimbursement to former Chair Julianne Murray was for the deposit on our 2025 State Convention at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, a normal convention expense that is fully documented and reported.

- While critics chase headlines, we are implementing an RNC-approved 2026 strategic plan, backed by an initial \$5,000 payment and an additional \$45,000 grant commitment—clear evidence of national confidence in our plan, integrity, and discipline.
- We recognize the financial challenges we have faced, but with a concrete 2026 plan, a mostly volunteer workforce, and growing support, we are building a stronger, more sustainable Republican Party that fights every day to prevent one-party rule in Delaware. These facts demonstrate our unwavering commitment to ethical stewardship and strategic focus.

Instead of dwelling on distortions, the Delaware Republican Party is charging forward with a vision to restore balance in Dover. Our 2026 strategic plan prioritizes grassroots organizing, candidate recruitment, and voter outreach in every corner of the state—from Sussex farms to New Castle neighborhoods.

With national backing from the RNC, we are poised to challenge the status quo and deliver wins that protect family values, promote economic growth, and ensure government serves the people, not special interests.

Conservatives in Delaware: your voice matters, and the fight is winnable. Join us today by volunteering, donating, or attending our upcoming events. Together, we can shatter the grip of one-party rule and build a Delaware where opportunity thrives for all.