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Baldwin raised $2.8 million in last three months of 2017

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U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, raised $2.8 million over the final three months of 2017, padding a significant financial edge over her GOP rivals.

Baldwin's campaign said she finished 2017 with $7 million in the bank.

Republican Kevin Nicholson, a business consultant and former Marine, says he raised $800,000 during the fourth quarter, while Leah Vukmir, a GOP state senator, says she pulled in more than $400,000. Their campaigns said each finished 2017 with about $500,000 in the bank.

Baldwin's $7 million puts her ahead of where U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, and Dem challenger Russ Feingold were at the beginning of 2016. Johnson, who won their 2016 rematch, raised $1.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2015 and finished that year with $4.4 million in the bank. Feingold pulled in almost $2.7 million that quarter and had $4.8 million in his warchest.

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