

# Barnes tops Johnson, Dem rivals for contributions from donors in third quarter

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Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes raised more than \$1.1 million during the third quarter as he pulled more from donors than either U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, or his top Dem rivals, according to their fundraising reports.

Barnes [reported](#) spending \$419,033 during the three-month period and finished September with \$711,089. It was his first fundraising report after getting into the race this summer.

Johnson, who hasn't said whether he will seek reelection, [reported](#) \$906,290 in receipts and \$2.3 million cash on hand after spending \$316,936 during the period.

His fundraising dipped from the \$1.2 million he raised in the second quarter. Johnson also continued to lag behind other top Senate targets in the 2022 cycle.

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U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., reported \$9.5 million raised during the three-month period, while U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., raised nearly \$8.2 million. Among the incumbents who typically show up on the national lists of top targets, Johnson's fundraising was closest to U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan. The New Hampshire Dem raised nearly \$3 million.

Among Wisconsin Dems, state Treasurer Sarah Godlewski and Alex Lasry, on leave from his position with the Milwaukee Bucks, both topped \$1 million in receipts. But that was largely due to personal money they put into their campaigns.

Godlewski [reported](#) nearly \$1.4 million in receipts. That included \$315,000 that she

gave directly to the campaign and another \$685,000 that she loaned to the operation two days before the reporting period closed. She spent \$818,070 and had \$786,494 in the bank.

Lasry, meanwhile, [reported](#) more than \$1 million in receipts, though that included a \$750,000 loan he gave his campaign Sept. 28, two days before the reporting period closed. He has now loaned his campaign \$800,000, and Lasry listed \$1.5 million cash on hand after spending \$574,443 during the three-month period.

Outagamie County Exec Tom Nelson, meanwhile, [reported](#) \$222,920 raised, \$211,348 spent and \$417,928 in the bank.

Among other Dems in the race, Steve Olikara [raised](#) \$102,449, spent \$93,850 and had \$64,328 in the bank. Olikara, founder of the Millennial Action Project, announced in May that he was exploring a bid and then formally entered the race in mid-August.

Gillian Battino, a Wausau doctor, [raised](#) \$88,926, spent \$88,394 and had \$34,695 in the bank.

Barnes showed a stronger small-dollar fundraising operation than his top rivals in the Senate race.

Of the more than \$1.1 million he raised, Barnes reported \$403,762 in unitemized donations of \$200 or less during the three-month period.

Johnson reported \$376,832 in unitemized donations, while Godlewski reported \$95,034 and Lasry \$66,573.