

# Evers raises \$5 million, Kleefisch \$3.3 million

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Gov. Tony Evers announced today his campaign raised more than \$5 million during the second half of 2021, while top GOP rival Rebecca Kleefisch says she pulled in more than \$3.3 million during the last four months of the year.

Neither campaign released full details of their reports, which are due to the state Ethics Commission Jan. 18.

Evers' also raised \$5 million during the first half of 2021. His campaign said his overall haul for the year of \$10 million was the best for any incumbent gov in the year before seeking reelection.

Evers also finished the year with \$10.5 million in the bank. By comparison, former Gov. Scott Walker had \$4.2 million in the bank at the end of 2017 as he lost his reelection bid to Evers. Walker had \$4.6 million cash on hand at the end of 2013 as he won a second term the following year.

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Kleefisch, meanwhile, said the \$3.3 million she raised during the last four months of the year was one of the largest initial fundraising reports of any gubernatorial challenger.

By comparison, Evers raised \$312,016 during the second half of 2017, when he was coming off a successful reelection as state superintendent and launched his bid for gov.

Kleefisch didn't release how much she had in the bank to finish the year. She had \$189,948 in her campaign account at the end of June, two months before formally launching her campaign.