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You ask whether such items as rent, telephone costs, materials, etc., expended by city, town and county political committees, which are renting and maintaining campaign headquarters for party candidates, must be reported to the candidates on a prorated basis and then be reported by each candidate to your office and charged against his total campaign expenditures. We answer in the affirmative.

21 M.R.S.A. § 1395, sub-§§ 3 and 4 (as repealed and replaced by P.L. 1973, Ch. 755) limit the expenditures a candidate for office may make or authorize "on behalf of such candidacy", and sub-§ 5 provides that amounts spent on behalf of any candidate are deemed to have been spent by such candidate. Sub-§ 4-A (as enacted by Ch. 755) defines "expenditures" to include the gift of or use of anything of value, and funds dispensed on behalf of a candidate. The above-listed items come within this definition and must be reported by the candidate.

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