Question: Why is it that state funding of elections will get us honest politicians?

If we truly expect that only our best and brightest should become our political representatives, then we ought to create incentives to attract them. State funding of elections and high salaries are incentives to ensure that honest people are not bankrupted due to election expenses and can recover most of their expenses incurred within a year.

Also: https://thewire.in/98327/case-for-state-funding-of-elections-on-a-per-vote-basis/