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Frederick M. Herrmann, the Executive Director of the Election Law Enforcement Commission announced today that the Commission at its public meeting Wednesday, April 10, 1985, certified \$663,110.36 in public matching funds to gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Robert J. Del Tufo (D)	\$ 28,400.38
Kenneth A. Gibson (D)	165,359.98
John F. Russo (D)	195,250.00
Peter Shapiro (D)	274,100.00

This was the first certification for both State Senator Russo (D) and Essex County Executive Shapiro (D). To date, the Commission has certified a total of \$126,250.00 in public matching funds to former U.S. Attorney Del Tufo (D), \$66,390 in public matching funds to Newark Mayor Gibson (D), and \$300,660.00 in public matching funds to former State Senator Wiley (D). Including yesterday's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$1,156,410.36 as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Previous Certification</u>	<u>This Certification</u>	<u>Total Certification</u>
Del Tufo (D)	\$126,250.00	\$ 28,400.38	\$ 154,650.38
Gibson (D)	66,390.00	165,359.98	231,749.98
Russo (D)	-0-	195,250.00	195,250.00
Shapiro (D)	-0-	274,100.00	274,100.00
Wiley (D)	<u>300,660.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>300,660.00</u>
	\$493,300.00	\$663,110.36	\$1,156,410.36

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The Commission has transmitted the certifications to the State Treasurer who, it is anticipated, will issue checks later this week. The checks will be deposited by the Commission in the candidates' public funds bank accounts and will be available for use immediately thereafter.

On Monday, the Commission received applications for public matching funds from two candidates. The Commission received additional applications from Mayor Gibson and Mr. Wiley. Mayor Gibson reported contributions (less refunds) of \$45,510.00 on his third submission and Mr. Wiley reported contributions (less refunds) of \$10,000.00 on his fifth submission.

Monday marked the eighth date on which candidates could make application for public matching funds. To date a combined total of \$1,021,276.19 in contributions raised (less refunds) has been indicated by candidates making application for public matching funds.

The New Jersey public financing program provides that each dollar of a contribution be matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and spent a minimum of \$50,000.00 in contributions of \$800.00 or less. Thus, if all contributions submitted for match in the eighth submission period are found to be eligible after Commission review, Mayor Gibson will be eligible for \$91,020.00 in public matching funds and Mr. Wiley will be eligible to receive \$20,000.00.

The submissions received Monday will be reviewed and the Commission will certify to the State Treasurer an amount each candidate is eligible to receive for the eighth submission period at its meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 1985.

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