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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 Tuesday, May 7, 1985, certified \$350,706.00 in public matching funds to gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Robert J. Del Tufo (D)	\$ 38,060.00
Kenneth A. Gibson (D)	42,350.00
John F. Russo (D)	140,000.00
Peter Shapiro (D)	103,468.00
Stephen B. Wiley (D)	26,828.00

To date, the Commission has certified a total of \$240,496.42 in public matching funds to former U. S. Attorney Del Tufo (D), \$436,843.32 in public matching funds to Newark Mayor Gibson (D), \$431,130.00 in public matching funds to State Senator Russo (D), \$377,568.00 in public matching funds to Essex County Executive Peter Shapiro (D), and \$393,708.00 in public matching funds to former State Senator Wiley (D). Including Tuesday's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$2,503,511.74 as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Previous Certification</u>	<u>This Certification</u>	<u>Total Certification</u>
Del Tufo (D)	\$202,436.42	\$ 38,060.00	\$240,496.42
Gibson (D)	394,493.32	42,350.00	436,843.32
Kean (R)	623,766.00	-0-	623,766.00
Russo (D)	291,130.00	140,000.00	431,130.00
Shapiro (D)	274,100.00	103,468.00	377,568.00
Wiley (D)	366,880.00	26,828.00	393,708.00

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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 four candidates. The Commission received applications for the current submission period from Mr. Del Tufo, Senator Russo, County Executive Shapiro, and Mr. Wiley. The candidates reported contributions (less refunds) for this submission period as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Net Submitted This Period</u>	<u>Submission</u>
Del Tufo (D)	\$ 10,495.00	8
Russo (D)	68,330.00	5
Shapiro (D)	51,200.00	3
Wiley (D)	12,265.00	9

Monday marked the twelfth date on which candidates could make application for public matching funds. To date a combined total of \$1,831,186.21 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.

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The maximum amount that a qualified candidate can receive in public matching funds for the 1985 gubernatorial primary is \$643,572.40. Thus, if all contributions submitted for match in the twelfth submission period are found to be eligible after Commission review, Mr. Del Tufo will be eligible for \$20,990.00 in public matching funds, Senator Russo will be eligible for \$136,660.00, County Executive Shapiro will be eligible for \$102,400.00, and Mr. Wiley will be eligible to receive \$24,530.00.

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 twelfth submission period at its meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 1985.

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