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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced today that the Commission received applications for public matching funds from primary election gubernatorial Candidates James Florio, William Gormley, Chuck Hardwick, and Barbara Sigmund.

This submission was the first for Candidate Sigmund and was originally filed with the Commission on April 13, 1989 as proof that the campaign had raised and spent \$150,000. Recently-enacted amendments to the public financing law require such proof to be filed with the Commission by the primary election petition filing deadline for candidates who wish to receive public matching funds. This submission was the third for Candidates Florio and Gormley, and the sixth for Candidate Hardwick. On the unreviewed submissions, the candidates reported the following net amounts of contributions submitted or resubmitted for match:

Florio	\$251,800.00
Gormley	40,985.00
Hardwick	48,025.00
Sigmund	160,371.00

Herrmann explained that the New Jersey Public Financing Program provides that each dollar of a contribution eligible for match is matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and spent a minimum of \$150,000 in contributions of \$1500 or less. The first \$50,000 of contributions submitted by a candidate is not matched.

If Candidate Sigmund is determined at the Commission meeting on April 25, 1989 to be qualified to receive public matching funds based upon her first submission, and if all contributions submitted by the Sigmund campaign are found to be eligible for match after Commission review, the Sigmund campaign will be eligible for \$220,742 in public matching funds.

Herrmann noted that the Commission has already certified public funds in the amount of \$897,451 to Chuck Hardwick, and that submissions in the amount of \$223,601.87 are pending Commission review. If all contribution items submitted today are found to be eligible for match, Candidate Hardwick will have reached the \$1.35 million maximum in public funds which may be received by any gubernatorial primary election candidate.

Submissions by the Florio campaign representing total contributions of \$624,375 are also pending Commission review tomorrow. If all items submitted today are found to be eligible for match, Candidate Florio will have reached the \$1.35 million maximum in public funds.

According to Herrmann, the Commission has also previously certified public matching funds to the campaign of William Gormley. If all contributions submitted today by Candidate Gormley are determined to be eligible for match, he will receive \$81,970 in public matching funds.

Submissions pending will be reviewed by the Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 1989. The amounts are as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Public Funds Approved to Date</u>	<u>Total Prior Submissions Pending</u>
Gerald Cardinale (R)	\$ 240,000	\$ 47,066
James Courter (R)	-0-	734,398
Cary Edwards (R)	1,139,660	182,685
James Florio (D)	-0-	624,375
William Gormley (R)	617,710	214,515
Chuck Hardwick (R)	897,451	223,601
Alan Karcher (D)	202,548	92,440

Herrmann said this date was the eighth on which candidates could make application for public matching funds for the 1989 primary election. The law limits the amount of public funds that may be given to any one primary election candidate to \$1.35 million.

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