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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced that at its public meeting today the Commission certified a total of \$3,504,429.36 in public matching funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates. These amounts were approved based on submissions filed on April 3 and April 10, 1989. Public funds were certified as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Submission(s)</u>	<u>Public Funds Certified</u>
Cardinale (R)	3 and 4	\$ 93,158.00
Courter (R)	1	1,295,247.62
Edwards (R)	3 and 4	210,340.00
Florio (D)	1 and 2	994,090.00
Gormley (R)	2	376,270.00
Hardwick (R)	4 and 5	388,993.74
Karcher (D)	2	<u>146,330.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 3,504,429.36

Including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$6,601,798.36 in public funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Previous Certification(s)</u>	<u>Current Certification(s)</u>	<u>Total Public Funds Certified</u>
Cardinale	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 93,158.00	\$ 333,158.00
Courter	-0-	1,295,247.62	1,295,247.62
Edwards	1,139,660.00	210,340.00	1,350,000.00
Florio	-0-	994,090.00	994,090.00
Gormley	617,710.00	376,270.00	993,980.00
Hardwick	897,451.00	388,993.74	1,286,444.74
Karcher	<u>202,548.00</u>	<u>146,330.00</u>	<u>348,878.00</u>
	\$ 3,097,369.00	\$3,504,429.36	\$ 6,601,798.36

Herrmann explained that Candidate Cary Edwards has now qualified for receipt of the \$1.35 million maximum in public funds in the 1989 primary election.

The Commission will transmit 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.

The New Jersey Public Financing Program provides that each dollar of an eligible contribution will be matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and expended a minimum of \$150,000 in contributions of \$1500 or less.

Herrmann noted that the Commission has received further applications for public matching funds from 1989 primary election candidates James Florio, William Gormley, Chuck Hardwick, and Barbara Sigmund. The public funds submissions received Monday will be reviewed, and amounts determined to be eligible for match will be certified by the Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 1989.

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