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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 \$127,605.98 in public matching funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates. These amounts were approved based on submissions filed on April 24, 1989. Public funds were certified as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Submission(#)</u>	<u>Public Funds Certified</u>
Cardinale (R)	5	\$ 32,996.00
Karcher (D)	3	<u>94,609.98</u>
TOTAL:		\$ 127,605.98

Including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$7,427,301.60 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</u>	<u>Total Public Funds Certified</u>
Cardinale	\$ 333,158.00	\$ 16,498.00	\$ 366,154.00
Courter	1,295,247.62	-0-	1,295,247.62
Edwards	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00
Florio	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00
Gormley	1,068,610.00	-0-	1,068,610.00
Hardwick	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00
Karcher	348,878.00	47,304.99	443,487.98
Sigmund	<u>203,802.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>203,802.00</u>
	\$ 7,299,695.62	\$127,605.98	\$7,427,301.60

Herrmann explained that although the Hardwick campaign submitted an application for public funds on April 24, 1989, the \$1.35 million maximum was certified to the campaign on April 25, 1989. Therefore no further public funds were certified today to the Hardwick campaign.

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 William Gormley, Alan Karcher, and Barbara Sigmund. The public funds submissions received Monday, May 1 will be reviewed, and amounts determined to be eligible for match will be certified by the Commission at a special meeting which has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission. Also, at this meeting any submissions received on May 8 may be certified.