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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 \$240,409.78 in public matching funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates. These amounts were approved based on submissions filed on May 15 and May 22, 1989. Public funds were certified as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Submission(s)</u>	<u>Public Funds Certified</u>
Cardinale (R)	7 & 8	\$ 59,923.80
Courter (R)	2	5,009.38
Gormley (R)	5 & 6	122,194.50
Karcher (D)	6 & 7	49,262.30
Sigmund (D)	3	4,019.80

Herrmann explained that these amounts include certifications of 95% of the public funds requested by Candidates Cardinale, Gormley, and Karcher on May 22, 1989. The May 22nd submissions will receive complete review and the Commission will certify any remaining public fund amounts at its May 31, 1989 meeting. The public funds approved today also include amounts remaining from the May 15th Cardinale, Courter, Gormley, Karcher and Sigmund campaigns' submissions which were subject to 90% Commission certification last week.

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According to Herrmann, including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$8,226,301.18 in public funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Previous Certification(s)</u>	<u>Current Certification(s)</u>	<u>Total Public Funds Certified</u>
Cardinale	\$ 500,272.60	\$ 59,923.80	\$ 560,196.40
Courter	1,344,990.62	5,009.38	1,350,000.00*
Edwards	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00*
Florio	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00*
Gormley	1,217,411.00	122,194.50	1,339,605.50
Hardwick	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00*
Karcher	605,316.98	49,262.30	654,579.28
Sigmund	<u>267,900.20</u>	<u>4,019.80</u>	<u>271,920.00</u>
	\$ 7,985,891.40	\$240,409.78	\$8,226,301.18

* Maximum public funds for 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.

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