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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), announced that the Commission at its meeting today certified \$411,566 in public matching funds to Republican gubernatorial primary election candidate Cary Edwards. Edwards' application for public matching funds, filed with the Commission on March 8, 1993, reported \$302,993 of contributions eligible for match.

Herrmann explained that the first \$59,000 of contributions submitted by a candidate is not matched. Therefore, if all contributions had been found eligible for match, Mr. Edwards would have received \$487,986 in public matching funds. Contributions which were found to be ineligible for match for technical reasons by the Commission today may be resubmitted with clarification for match by the candidate on a later submission date. The next two submission dates are April 5 and April 12. Contributions may be declared ineligible for match for a variety of reasons including an incomplete contributor name or address, the need for clarification of the source of a contributor, and an unreadable contributor signature.

In order to be qualified to receive public matching funds, Herrmann said that Mr. Edwards submitted a signed agreement to participate in gubernatorial primary election debates and documented that a minimum of \$177,000 in contributions of \$1,800 or less was raised and spent for the 1993 primary election.

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