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PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has approved \$4,541,074 in public matching funds for the 2021 gubernatorial primary campaigns of two candidates.

> **Disbursements of Public Funds to 2021 Gubernatorial Primary Candidates**

Candidate	Disbursements		Party
	Today	Cumulative	
Ciattarelli, Jack	\$ 441,074	\$2,133,439	Republican
Murphy, Phil ¹	\$4,100,000	\$4,100,000	Democrat
Totals	\$4,541,074	\$6,233,439	

Under the Gubernatorial Public Financing program, which began in 1974, candidates who raise \$490,000 or more can qualify for public matching funds. Primary candidates are eligible for up to \$4.6 million in public funds. In exchange, other than a few exceptions, they must limit their total primary spending to \$7.3 million.

2021 Gubernatorial Finance Limits/Thresholds

Limit/Threshold	Amount	
Contribution Limit	\$ 4,900	
Qualification Threshold	\$ 490,000	
Amount Not Matched	\$ 156,000	
Primary Public Fund Cap	\$ 4,600,000	
Primary Expenditure Limit	\$ 7,300,000	
General Public Fund Cap	\$10,500,000	
General Expenditure Limit	\$15,600,000	

For more details about the program, go to: http://www.elec.state.nj.us/publicinformation/gub man.htm.

¹ Governor Phil Murphy's campaign submitted enough private contributions to qualify for the full \$4.6 million in matching funds allowed for primary campaigns. It requested only \$4.1 million.