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## PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has approved \$1,475,149 in public matching funds for the two major party candidates in the 2021 gubernatorial general election.

Approximately \$13.6 million has been distributed to the two candidates since the general election began. That is 65% of the \$21 million in public funds available for the election. The election is November 2.

### **Disbursements of Public Funds to 2021 Gubernatorial General Election Candidates**

Candidate	Disbursements		Percent Of Available Funds	Party
	Today	Cumulative		
Ciattarelli, Jack	\$ 744,616	\$ 5,535,937	53 %	Republican
Murphy, Phil	\$ 730,533	\$ 8,151,011	78 %	Democrat
Totals	\$1,475,149	\$13,686,948	65 %	

Under the Gubernatorial Public Financing program, which began in 1974, candidates who raise \$490,000 or more can qualify for public matching funds. General election candidates are eligible for up to \$10.5 million in public funds. In exchange, other than a few exceptions, they must limit their total general election spending to \$15.6 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](http://www.elec.state.nj.us/publicinformation/gub_man.htm).