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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced today that the Commission received applications for public matching funds from primary election gubernatorial Candidates Gerald Cardinale, Chuck Hardwick, and Alan Karcher.

This submission was the third for Candidate Karcher, the fifth for Candidate Cardinale, and the seventh for Candidate Hardwick. On the unreviewed submissions, the candidates reported the following net amounts of contributions submitted or resubmitted for match:

Cardinale	\$ 16,848.00
Hardwick	97,870.00
Karcher	47,509.99

Herrmann explained that the New Jersey Public Financing Program provides that each dollar of a contribution eligible for match is matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and spent a minimum of \$150,000 in contributions of \$1500 or less. The first \$50,000 of contributions submitted by a candidate is not matched.

Herrmann noted that the Commission has already certified public funds in the amount of \$1,286,444.74 to Chuck Hardwick, and that a submission in the amount of \$48,025 is pending Commission review. If all contribution items on the pending submission are found to be eligible for match, Candidate Hardwick will have reached the \$1.35 million maximum in public funds which may be received by any gubernatorial primary election candidate.

According to Herrmann, the Commission has also previously certified public matching funds to the campaigns of Gerald Cardinale and Alan Karcher. If all contributions submitted today by those candidates are determined to be eligible for match, they will receive public matching funds as follows:

Cardinale	\$33,696.00
Karcher	95,019.98

Submissions pending will be reviewed by the Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 1989. The amounts are as follows:

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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Public Funds Approved to Date</u>	<u>Total Prior Submissions Pending</u>
Gerald Cardinale (R)	\$ 333,158.00	\$ -0-
James Courter (R)	1,295,247.62	-0-
Cary Edwards (R)	1,350,000.00	-0-
James Florio (D)	994,090.00	251,800.00
William Gormley (R)	993,980.00	40,985.00
Chuck Hardwick (R)	1,286,444.74	48,025.00
Alan Karcher (D)	348,878.00	-0-
Barbara Sigmund (D)	-0-	160,371.00

Herrmann said this date was the ninth on which candidates could make application for public matching funds for the 1989 primary election. The law limits the amount of public funds that may be given to any one primary election candidate to \$1.35 million.

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