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Frederick M. Herrmann, the Executive Director of the Election Law Enforcement Commission announced today that the Commission at its public meeting Tuesday, March 26, 1985, certified \$66,516.00 in public matching funds to gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Robert J. Del Tufo (D)	\$51,640.00
Stephen B. Wiley (D)	14,876.00

The Commission previously certified a total of \$36,240.00 in public matching funds to former U.S. Attorney Del Tufo (D) and \$245,650.00 in public matching funds to former State Senator Wiley (D). Including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$348,406.00 as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Previous Certification</u>	<u>This Certification</u>	<u>Total Certification</u>
Del Tufo (D)	\$ 36,240.00	\$51,640.00	\$ 87,880.00
Wiley (D)	<u>\$245,650.00</u>	<u>14,876.00</u>	<u>260,526.00</u>
	\$281,890.00	\$66,516.00	\$348,406.00

The Commission has transmitted the two 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.

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On Monday, the Commission received applications for public matching funds from three candidates. The Commission received the initial application for funds from Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson and received additional applications from Mr. Del Tufo and Mr. Wiley. Mayor Gibson reported contributions (less refunds) of \$110,441.00 on his first submission, Mr. Del Tufo reported contributions (less refunds) of \$12,890.00 on his third submission, and Mr. Wiley reported contributions (less refunds) of \$19,267.00 on his fourth submission.

Monday marked the sixth date on which candidates could make application for public matching funds. To date only Mr. Del Tufo, Mayor Gibson, and Mr. Wiley have applied for public matching funds indicating a combined total of \$433,761.00 in contributions raised (less refunds).

The New Jersey public financing program provides that each dollar of a contribution be matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and spent a minimum of \$50,000.00 in contributions of \$800.00 or less. Thus, if all contributions submitted for match in the fifth submission period are found to be eligible after Commission review, Mr. Del Tufo will be eligible for \$25,780.00 in public matching funds, Mayor Gibson will be eligible to receive \$120,882.00, and Mr. Wiley will be eligible to receive \$38,534.00.

The three submissions received Monday will be reviewed and the Commission will certify to the State Treasurer an amount each candidate is eligible to receive for the sixth submission period at its meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 1985.

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