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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, April 2, 1985, certified \$144,894.00 in public matching funds to gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Robert J. Del Tufo (D)	\$38,370.00
Kenneth A. Gibson (D)	66,390.00
Stephen B. Wiley (D)	40,134.00

This was the first certification for Newark Mayor Gibson (D).

Previously, the Commission certified a total of \$87,880.00 in public matching funds to former U.S. Attorney Del Tufo (D) and \$260,526.00 in public matching funds to former State Senator Wiley (D). Including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$493,300.00 as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Previous Certification</u>	<u>This Certification</u>	<u>Total Certification</u>
Del Tufo (D)	\$ 87,880.00	\$38,370.00	\$126,250.00
Gibson (D)	-	66,390.00	66,390.00
Wiley (D)	<u>260,526.00</u>	<u>40,134.00</u>	<u>300,660.00</u>
	\$348,406.00	\$144,894.00	\$493,300.00

The Commission has transmitted the 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 four candidates. The Commission received initial applications for funds from State Senator John F. Russo and Essex County Executive Peter Shapiro. The Commission also received additional applications from Mr. Del Tufo and Mayor Gibson. Senator Russo and County Executive Shapiro reported contributions (less refunds) of \$214,405.00 and \$200,000.00 on their respective first submissions. Mr. Del Tufo reported contributions (less refunds) of \$10,475.19 on his fourth submission and Mayor Gibson reported contributions (less refunds) of \$107,075.00 on his second submission.

Monday marked the seventh date on which candidates could make application for public matching funds. To date a combined total of \$965,766.19 in contributions raised (less refunds) has been indicated by candidates in making application for public matching funds.

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 seventh submission period are found to be eligible after Commission review, Mr. Del Tufo will be eligible for \$20,950.38 in public matching funds, Mayor Gibson will be eligible to receive \$214,150.00, Senator Russo will be eligible to receive \$328,810.00 and County Executive Shapiro will be eligible to receive \$300,000.00.

The 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 seventh submission period at its meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 1985.

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