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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced that the Commission at its meeting today certified \$454,362 in public matching funds to Republican gubernatorial primary election candidate Chuck Hardwick. Hardwick's application for public matching funds, filed with the Commission on February 21, 1989, reported \$319,096 of contributions eligible for match.

Herrmann explained that the first \$50,000 of contributions submitted by a candidate is not matched. Therefore, if all contributions had been found eligible for match, Mr. Hardwick would have received \$538,192 in public matching funds. Contributions which were rejected for match for technical reasons by the Commission today may be resubmitted with clarification for match by the candidate on a later submission date. The next two submission dates are March 6 and March 20. Contributions may be rejected for match for a variety of reasons including an incomplete contributor name or address, the need for clarification of an individual or a corporation as the contributor, and an unreadable contributor signature.

In order to be qualified to receive public matching funds, Herrmann said that Mr. Hardwick submitted a signed agreement to participate in gubernatorial primary election debates and documented that a minimum of \$150,000 in contributions of \$1,500 or less was raised and spent for the 1989 primary election.

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