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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced that at its public meeting today the Commission certified \$1,969,194 in public matching funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Amount Certified</u>
Gerald Cardinale (R)	\$ 213,550.00
Cary Edwards (R)	749,050.00
William Gormley (R)	617,710.00
Chuck Hardwick (R)	186,336.00
Alan Karcher (D)	<u>202,548.00</u>
Total	\$1,969,194.00

Herrmann explained that this was the first certification for candidates Cardinale, Edwards, Gormley and Karcher. It was the second certification for candidate Hardwick. At its meeting on March 2, 1989, the Commission certified \$454,362 in public matching funds to Mr. Hardwick. He has therefore received a total of \$640,698 in 1989 gubernatorial primary election public matching funds. Including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$2,423,556 in public funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates.

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The Commission will transmit 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.

The New Jersey Public Financing Program provides that each dollar of an eligible contribution will be matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and expended a minimum of \$150,000.00 in contributions of \$1500 or less.

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