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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 \$673,813 in public matching funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Public Funds Certified</u>
Gerald Cardinale (R)	\$ 26,450
Cary Edwards (R)	\$390,610
Chuck Hardwick (R)	\$256,753

Herrmann explained that this was the second certification for Candidates Cardinale and Edwards, and the third for Candidate Hardwick.

Including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$3,097,369 in public funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Previous Certification(s)</u>	<u>This Certification</u>	<u>Total Public Funds Certified</u>
Cardinale (R)	\$ 213,550	\$ 26,450	\$ 240,000
Edwards (R)	749,050	390,610	1,139,660

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Gormley (R)	617,710	-0-	617,710
Hardwick (R)	640,698	256,753	897,451
Karcher (D)	<u>202,548</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>202,548</u>
	\$2,423,556	\$673,813	\$3,097,369

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 in contributions of \$1500 or less.

On Monday, the Commission received applications for public matching funds from 1989 primary election candidates Gerald Cardinale, Jim Courter, Cary Edwards, James Florio, William Gormley, and Chuck Hardwick. The public funds submissions received Monday will be reviewed, and amounts determined to be eligible for match will be certified by the Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 1989.

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