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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced today that the Commission received applications for public matching funds from primary election gubernatorial Candidates Gerald Cardinale and Alan Karcher.

This submission was the fifth for Candidate Karcher and the sixth for Candidate Cardinale. On the unreviewed submissions, the candidates reported the following net amounts of contributions submitted or resubmitted for match:

Cardinale	\$ 47,850
Karcher	13,304

Herrmann explained that the New Jersey Public Financing Program provides that each dollar of a contribution eligible for match is matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and spent a minimum of \$150,000 in contributions of \$1500 or less. The first \$50,000 of contributions submitted by a candidate is not matched.

According to Herrmann, the Commission has also previously certified public matching funds to the campaigns of Gerald Cardinale and Alan Karcher. If all contributions submitted today by those candidates are determined to be eligible for match, they will receive total public matching funds as follows:

Cardinale	\$ 95,700
Karcher	26,608

Submissions which are pending will be reviewed by the Commission at its meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 1989. The amounts are as follows:

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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Public Funds Approved to Date</u>	<u>Total Prior Submissions Pending</u>
Gerald Cardinale (R)	\$ 366,154.00	\$ -0-
James Courter (R)	1,295,247.62	-0-
Cary Edwards (R)	1,350,000.00	-0-
James Florio (D)	1,350,000.00	-0-
William Gormley (R)	1,068,610.00	42,700
Chuck Hardwick (R)	1,350,000.00	-0-
Alan Karcher (D)	443,487.98	33,955
Barbara Sigmund (D)	203,802.00	15,525

Herrmann said this date was the eleventh on which candidates could make application for public matching funds for the 1989 primary election. The law limits the amount of public funds that may be given to any one primary election candidate to \$1.35 million.

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