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At its public meeting today the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission certified \$981,908.24 in public matching funds to 1993 gubernatorial general election candidate Christine Todd Whitman. This was the third certification for Candidate Whitman who has already been certified to receive \$1,938,930.02 in general election public matching funds on her prior submissions.

In order to be qualified to receive public matching funds, Candidate Whitman was required to submit a signed agreement to participate in two gubernatorial general election debates and to document that a minimum of \$177,000 in contributions of \$1,800 or less was raised and spent for the 1993 general election. The maximum in public funds which may be received by a qualified 1993 general election gubernatorial candidate is \$3.9 million.

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Including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$6,820,838.26 in public funds to the two gubernatorial general election candidates as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Prior</u> Certification(s)	<u>This</u> <u>Certification</u>	<u>Total</u>
Florio (D) Whitman (R)	\$3,900,000.00 1,938,930.02 \$5,838,930.02	N/A \$ 981,908.24 \$ 981,908.24	\$3,900,000.00 * 2,920,838.26 \$6,820,838.26

^{*} Maximum public funds for 1993 general election

The Commission will transmit today's certification to the State Treasurer who, it is anticipated, will issue a check later this week. The check will be deposited by the Commission in the candidate's public funds bank account and will be available for use immediately thereafter.