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## PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has approved \$639,427 in public matching funds for the two major party nominees in this year's 2017 gubernatorial general election.

## Disbursements of Public Funds to 2017 Gubernatorial General Election Candidates

Candidate	<b>Public Fund Disbursements</b>		Party
	Today	Total For Election	
Guadagno, Kimberly	\$120,189	\$1,355,511	Republican
Murphy, Phil	\$519,238	\$4,987,233	Democrat
Totals	\$639,427	\$6,342,744	

In addition, Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli (R-16<sup>th</sup>), who ran unsuccessfully in the Republican gubernatorial primary, received \$44,116 in public funds for the primary. He has received a total of \$1.1 million. Primary candidates can apply for funds until November 8 to pay off debts.

Under the Gubernatorial Public Financing program, which began in 1974, candidates who raise \$430,000 or more can qualify for public matching funds. General election candidates are eligible for up to \$9.3 million in public funds if they raise at least \$4.8 million from private sources. As a condition, other than a few exceptions, they must limit their total general election spending to \$13.8 million.

2017 Gubernatorial Finance Limits/Thresholds

Limit/Threshold	Amount
Contribution Limit	\$ 4,300
Qualification Threshold	\$ 430,000
Amount Not Matched	\$ 138,000
Private Dollars Candidates Must Raise For Maximum Public Funds	\$ 4,788,000
Maximum Public Funds Per Candidate For General Election	\$ 9,300,000
General Election Expenditure Limit Per Candidate	\$13,800,000

For more details about the program, go to: <a href="http://www.elec.state.nj.us/publicinformation/gub\_man.htm">http://www.elec.state.nj.us/publicinformation/gub\_man.htm</a>.

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