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## PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has approved \$1,143,854 in public matching funds for the two major party candidates in the 2021 gubernatorial general election.

A total of \$12.2 million has been distributed to the two candidates since the general election began. That is 58 % of the \$21 million in public funds available for the election. The election is November 2.

### **Disbursements of Public Funds to 2021 Gubernatorial General Election Candidates**

| Candidate         | Disbursements |              | Percent Of Available Funds | Party      |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|
|                   | Today         | Cumulative   |                            |            |
| Ciattarelli, Jack | \$ 470,002    | \$ 4,791,321 | 46 %                       | Republican |
| Murphy, Phil      | \$ 673,852    | \$ 7,420,478 | 71 %                       | Democrat   |
| Totals            | \$1,143,854   | \$12,211,799 | 58 %                       |            |

Under the Gubernatorial Public Financing program, which began in 1974, candidates who raise \$490,000 or more can qualify for public matching funds. General election candidates are eligible for up to \$10.5 million in public funds. In exchange, other than a few exceptions, they must limit their total general election spending to \$15.6 million.

### **2021 Gubernatorial Finance Limits/Thresholds**

| Limit/Threshold           | Amount       |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Contribution Limit        | \$ 4,900     |
| Qualification Threshold   | \$ 490,000   |
| Amount Not Matched        | \$ 156,000   |
| Primary Public Fund Cap   | \$ 4,600,000 |
| Primary Expenditure Limit | \$ 7,300,000 |
| General Public Fund Cap   | \$10,500,000 |
| General Expenditure Limit | \$15,600,000 |

For more details about the program, go to: [http://www.elec.state.nj.us/publicinformation/gub\\_man.htm](http://www.elec.state.nj.us/publicinformation/gub_man.htm).