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The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has approved \$7,813,927 in public matching funds for three major party candidates in the 2025 gubernatorial primary election. It is the first disbursement from the state's Gubernatorial Public Financing Program.

Candidates	Disbursements		% of Available Matching Funds	Party
	January 30, 2025	Cumulative		
Bramnick, Jon	\$2,260,391	\$2,260,391	41%	Republican
Ciattarelli, Jack	\$4,118,054	\$4,118,054	75%	Republican
Sherrill, Mikie	\$1,435,481	\$1,435,481	26%	Democrat
<b>Totals</b>	\$7,813,927	\$7,813,927		

The above totals reflect the Commission's initial award of matching funds following the first submission date on January 7, 2025. Qualified candidates may file additional submissions for public matching funds through November 5, 2025. March 24, 2025 is the deadline for candidates to qualify for participation in the Gubernatorial Public Financing Program.

For more information on the Gubernatorial Financing Program please visit:

[https://www.elec.nj.gov/pdf/files/publicfinancedocs/gpf\\_manual.pdf](https://www.elec.nj.gov/pdf/files/publicfinancedocs/gpf_manual.pdf).

2025 Limit/Threshold	Amount
Contribution Limit	\$ 5,800
Qualification Threshold	\$ 580,000
Amount Not Matched	\$ 185,000
Primary Public Fund Cap	\$ 5,500,000
Primary Expenditure Limit	\$ 8,700,000
General Public Fund Cap	\$12,500,000
General Expenditure Limit	\$18,500,000

Under the program, which began in 1974, candidates who raise \$580,000 or more can qualify for public matching funds. Primary candidates are eligible for up to \$5.5 million in public funds. In exchange, other than a few exceptions, they must limit their total primary spending to \$8.7 million.

More information on disbursements at: [https://www.elec.nj.gov/publicinformation/gub\\_man\\_Primary2025.htm](https://www.elec.nj.gov/publicinformation/gub_man_Primary2025.htm).

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