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## PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has approved \$796,206 in public matching funds for the 2017 gubernatorial primary campaigns of three candidates.

ELEC has certified \$650,996 in public funds for the Republican primary campaign of Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli. It is the first time he has received public funds through the state's Gubernatorial Public Financing Program.

ELEC also approved \$38,450 for the Republican primary campaign of Lieutenant Governor Kimberly Guadagno. So far, she has received \$1,164,378 in public funds.

ELEC further approved \$106,760 in public funds for the Democratic primary campaign of Jim Johnson. His cumulative receipts total \$1,165,788.

To date, \$3.6 million has been distributed to all candidates for the primary election.

Under the program, which began in 1974, candidates who raise \$430,000 or more can qualify for public matching funds. Primary candidates are eligible for up to \$4 million in public funds. In exchange, other than a few exceptions, they must limit their total primary spending to \$6.4 million.

### **2017 Gubernatorial Finance Limits/Thresholds**

<b>Limit/Threshold</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contribution Limit	\$ 4,300
Qualification Threshold	\$ 430,000
Amount Not Matched	\$ 138,000
Primary Public Fund Cap	\$ 4,000,000
Primary Expenditure Limit	\$ 6,400,000
General Public Fund Cap	\$ 9,300,000
General Expenditure Limit	\$13,800,000

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).