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The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has approved \$1.5 million in public matching funds for six major party candidates in the 2025 gubernatorial primary election.

It is the eighth disbursement from the state's Gubernatorial Public Financing Program.

To date, \$31.1 million has been provided to eight candidates.

Candidates	Disbursements		% of Available Matching Funds (\$5,500,000)	Party
	Current Round	Cumulative		
Baraka, Ras	\$ 461,024	\$2,287,906	42%	Democrat
Bramnick, Jon	\$ 69,930	\$2,953,561	54%	Republican
Ciattarelli, Jack		\$5,500,000	100%	Republican
Fulop, Steven	\$ 222,570	\$4,302,353	78%	Democrat
Gottheimer, Josh	\$ 375,444	\$5,480,062	99.6%	Democrat
Sherrill, Mikie		\$4,708,411	86%	Democrat
Spadea, Bill	\$ 288,593	\$1,824,191	33%	Republican
Sweeney, Steve	\$ 98,460	\$4,086,817	74%	Democrat
Total This Round	\$ 1,516,022			
Grand Total to Date	\$31,143,300			

Qualified candidates may file additional submissions for public matching funds through November 5, 2025.

March 24, 2025 was the deadline for primary 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/pdffiles/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.

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