



# Oregon Senate Republicans

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## **Senate Republican Leader on Executive Branch Stockpiling Coronavirus Relief Funds Despite Pleas of Local Governments**

SALEM, Ore. – Months ago, Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton) issued a [statement](#) and [wrote a letter](#) to Governor Kate Brown and asked for the remaining Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the federal government to be rightfully distributed to local governments across the state. Oregon received about \$1.63 billion in CRF and around \$247 million was taken off the total for the city of Portland, and Washington and Multnomah counties.

Local governments should have received roughly \$625 million of the CRF, or 45%, of the remaining amount. The funds have not been distributed.

“Governor Brown is refusing to respond to the pleas of local governments across the state,” said Senator Girod. “It would appear that the governor is waiting for the election to go one way in the hopes of using the CRF as a slush fund for her own special interests and Portland. Stockpiling federal funds for political gain, while vulnerable Oregonians are suffering, is abysmal.”

According to reports from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) where the funds are housed, local governments got only \$200 million through reimbursable expenses. This leaves questions about what happened to the millions of dollars the Emergency Board has allocated since March of this year. The Emergency Board has spent over \$542 million for programs, not including the allocation directly to local governments and tribes during the May Emergency Board Committee meeting.

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