



Washington State Legislature

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Governor Inslee, Secretary Brown, and Director Schumacher:

We are writing to urge the Office of the Governor, the Department of Commerce, and the Office of Financial Management to work with Clark County and its cities, to ensure equitable and expedient distribution of federal CARES Act funding.

Clark County received only \$26.8 million in funds to date. The state looks to be holding more than \$60 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds that should be directed to the county. Per the U.S. Department of the Treasury (DOT) guidance dated May 28, 2020, states are expected to distribute 45% of their allocated Coronavirus Relief Funds with local governments with populations of 500,000 or less.

Washington received more than \$2.1 billion in Coronavirus Relief Funds from DOT through the CARES Act, which means that roughly \$975 million of those funds should be distributed to smaller local governments. To date, the Washington State Department of Commerce has only distributed \$300 million of those funds. As a result, hundreds of millions of dollars are being held by the state when DOT guidance indicates that they should be distributed to the local governments so they can meet the needs of their constituents.

As a result, we request that the Office of the Governor, the Department of Commerce, and the Office of Financial Management will uphold the DOT guidance and work with Clark County and our local jurisdictions to distribute the remaining Coronavirus Relief Funds as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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