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Dear Executive Director Nikkel, Executive Director Cully, and Executive Director Stratton,

As you know, the Emergency Board allocated \$200 million for direct support to local governments at the last Emergency Board meeting. Applications for the first phase of reimbursements are due on May 29th. While those applications are being reviewed, we are committed to moving swiftly in to the second phase of funding for local governments.

Thank you, Directors Nikkel and Cully, for your letter to legislators on May 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding a proposal for CARES Act funding to cities and counties. As the lead organizations representing Oregon's cities, counties and special districts, we believe you are in the best position to help lead the development of a plan for the remaining funds.

Please engage in a collaborative process that includes legislative involvement from members of both the House and the Senate and includes representation from Democratic and Republican members to develop a framework for CRF distribution to cities, counties and special districts that includes all eligible expenses in accordance with Treasury Guidelines.

Senator Golden and Senator Hansell will be representing the Senate in the development of the framework process. Please contact Lindsey O'Brien in the House Speaker's office to coordinate which House legislators will work with you to develop this framework.

Part of the process will need to include a requirement that each recipient of the funds attest to following the Treasury Guidelines. Because of auditing requirements, the state will make final decisions regarding interpretation of Treasury Guidelines.

Please report back to the Governor and legislative leadership with your plan by June 5th.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

Senate President Peter Courtney

House Speaker Tina Kotek

