

statement on CARES Act funding Inbox x

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Good afternoon,

Governor Dunleavy would like to share with you following statement regarding the use of CARES Act funding:

On April 7, the State's budget was signed into law and line item vetoes were made to save dwindling state revenues. With rapidly shrinking state and municipal revenue, concurrent discussions were occurring between the federal government and states regarding funding assistance to offset expenses made by state and local government to deal with the pandemic, including revenue shortfalls. Early discussions indicated CARES funding would be available for this purpose.

When I publicly stated CARES funding could be used to replace state funding, I was working with the best available information at the time which led many to believe CARES act funding could in fact be used to offset revenue loss.

Today, there continues to be a lack of clarity as to whether the use of CARES act funds can be used to backfill lost revenue as a result of the pandemic.

As a result, we will operate under the guidelines that CARES act funding can be used to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on state/municipal expenses and to support businesses and the State's nonprofits.

Thanks,

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