May 18, 2020

Governor JB Pritzker
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Governor Pritzker:

We write to request information regarding the allocation of federal funding to state and local governments that was authorized and appropriated under the recently enacted bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

As you know, the CARES Act established a $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund designed specifically for assistance to state, local, and tribal governments. Local governments with populations of 500,000 or more were able to directly apply for federal funding, with the remaining funds going to state governments. The United States Department of Treasury has confirmed that Illinois received approximately $4.9 billion as of April 24th, 2020.

Therefore, we request the following information:

1. How much of Illinois’ Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation came directly to the state government;

2. What is the application process, if any, your administration set up to allow smaller units of local government to request funding from amounts received by the state; and

3. Of the amount that came directly to the state government, how much has been disbursed to smaller units of local government and which units of government have received such funding?

We appreciate your consideration and attention to these concerns, and your prompt response to the above questions.

Sincerely,

RODNEY DAVIS
Member of Congress

JOHN SHIMKUS
Member of Congress