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Sen Hesselbein Statement: Governor Evers Swiftly Provided Communities with Needed Federal Relief Dollars - Now Republicans Want to Stand in the Way

MADISON, Wis – Currently, Wisconsin’s Governor exercises sole authority to accept and allocate federal dollars on behalf of the state. Because of Governor Evers’ decisive action, moneys from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) quickly reached communities and sectors that were most in need during the global pandemic.

Now, Wisconsin Republicans, who control the legislature and remained inactive for more than 300 days during a global pandemic, are attempting to slow this process down by passing Assembly Joint Resolution 6. The resolution would prohibit the Governor from exercising his power—a power first granted to the Governor during the Great Depression to enable the state to take full advantage of any federal funds that were made available.

Governor Evers devoted more than half of Wisconsin’s federal ARPA funds to economic development. His thoughtful and swift decisions provided many entities within the 27th Senate District with the necessary relief and support to weather the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Entities in the 27th Senate District received more than \$121 million to aid their pandemic relief. The breakdown by county is below. Actual allocations are larger as many counties received a portion of several grants which is not reflected below.

- Green - \$29,853,730
- Sauk - \$62,885,498
- Iowa - \$21,529,494
- Dane - \$422,649,460
- Columbia - \$48,151,473

For a full list of grants distributed and who they were allocated to, you can visit the Badger Bounceback website [here](#).

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