



November 23, 2021

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval of 2021 House Bill 5006 Resolution

Purpose/Outcomes	Board approval of the 2021 HB 5006 Resolution
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	Provides for funds of \$116,831 to be distributed to all Clackamas County property tax districts.
Funding Source	A one-time General Fund appropriation by the Oregon legislature was approved for the Department of Revenue to make grants to impacted counties.
Duration	Distribution of grant funds by December 31, 2021.
Previous Board Action/Review	On November 2, 2021, the Board voted to adopt a county Resolution allowing receipt of HB 5006 grant funds and distribution per the County Tax Collector's recommendation.
Strategic Plan Alignment	Build public trust through good government
Counsel Review	11/9/2021
Procurement Review	1. Was the item processed through Procurement? yes <input type="checkbox"/> no X 2. If no, provide brief explanation: This is a grant allowed by legislation with approval by the County Commissioners. No procurement involvement is required.
Contact Person	Bronson Rueda, 503-655-8304

BACKGROUND:

During the 2021 legislative session, HB 5006 was passed allowing a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$23.2 million for the Department of Revenue (DOR) to make grants to counties for the reimbursement of lost tax revenue related to the 2020 wildfires. Distribution of these funds will be limited to counties included in Executive Order 20-60 that were impacted by the 2020 wildfires and that can

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COUNTY ASSESSOR

demonstrate losses due to the September 2020 wildfires in property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2020.

On October 11, 2021, the Department of Revenue issued HB 5006 guidance to the impacted counties. The guidance outlines steps for counties to take, in order to receive the grant money. The steps include drafting a resolution with the amount requested, instructions on how to calculate each counties grant amount, a requirement for each county to describe how the grant money will be distributed, and a commitment for each county to provide a follow up report. The DOR will disburse the approved grant amount for tax year 2020-21 by December 31, 2021.

On November 5, 2021, the Department of Revenue issued revised HB 5006 guidance. Two main differences of note in this revised guidance are:

- 1) The amount to be distributed by December 31, 2001 is the first year's estimated lost tax revenue instead of all four years estimated lost tax revenue. For Clackamas County, that amount is \$116,831. At some point in the future, the Department of Revenue will issue additional guidance in 2022 regarding how to calculate lost tax revenue requests that would correspond to the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 property tax years.
- 2) The Resolution is required to include a sworn statement that the requested amount represents estimated revenue lost in property tax years 2020-21 and 2021-22 due to the September 2021 wildfires.

Based on the DOR guidance, Clackamas County will receive \$116,831 for property tax year 2020-21. Future grant amounts will not be known until additional DOR guidance is released.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends adoption of the attached Resolution.

Sincerely,



Tami Little
Assessor

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Distribution of funds
from 2021 House Bill 5006 for
Reimbursement of Lost Property Tax
Revenue Related to the 2020
Wildfires



Resolution No. _____
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WHEREAS, the 2021 Oregon legislature passed House Bill 5006 providing funds for grants to counties for the reimbursement of lost property tax revenue related to the 2020 wildfires;

WHEREAS, distribution of the funds appropriated by the Oregon legislature is limited to counties included in Executive Order 20-60 that were impacted by the 2020 wildfires;

WHEREAS, Clackamas County has been designated as a county impacted by the 2020 wildfires and thus is entitled to reimbursement for lost tax revenue;

WHEREAS, House Bill 5006 requires the County to apply for its available funds and provide its Resolution which shall include the amount requested for tax year 2020-21, how the county will distribute the funds, a commitment to provide a follow-up report, and a sworn statement that the requested amount represents estimated revenue lost in the property tax years 2020-21 and 2021-22 due to the September 2020 wildfires;

WHEREAS, the Assessor and staff have reviewed House Bill 5006 and provided an overview of the measure to the Board of County Commissioners on November 2, 2021;

WHEREAS, 2021 House Bill provides for funds of \$116,831 for tax year 2020-21 to be distributed to all Clackamas County property tax districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that:

1. Clackamas County approves and requests distribution of grant funds from 2021 House Bill 5006 to replace estimated lost property tax revenue due to the 2020 wildfires in the amount of \$116,831 for the 2020-21 tax year, which will be distributed to Clackamas County property tax districts as follows:
2. Clackamas County will distribute the money to all taxing districts in the county using the 2020-21 tax year uniform distribution schedule;
3. Clackamas County commits to provide a report to the Oregon Department of Revenue per its guidance showing the amounts distributed to the taxing districts; and

4. Clackamas County swears that the amount requested represents estimated revenue lost in property tax year 2020-21 due to the September 2020 wildfires.

We also swear the lost revenue estimate for tax year 2021-22 is \$144,347 due to the September 2020 wildfires and will be requested and distributed in 2022 following further guidance from the Department of Revenue.

DATED this ___ day of ___ 2021.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary