



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

May 14, 2026

OIG-CA-26-034

Mr. Robert W. Hamilton  
State Controller  
155 Cottage Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Final Determination on Corrective Actions for Desk Review of State of Oregon's Use of Coronavirus Relief Fund Proceeds (OIG-CA-25-049)

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act),<sup>1</sup> established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and appropriated \$150 billion for making payments to states, District of Columbia, local, territorial, and tribal government entities. CRF recipients may use the CRF award funds to cover costs that:

1. were necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the government's budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
3. were incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, and ended on December 31, 2021, for states, local governments, and territories. In the case of tribal governments, were incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, and ended on December 31, 2022 (covered period).

Treasury Office of Inspector General (OIG) performed a desk review to evaluate Oregon's documentation supporting the uses of its CRF proceeds for the Aggregate Payments to Individuals payment type, as reported in the GrantSolutions<sup>2</sup> portal, and to assess the risk of unallowable use of funds.<sup>3</sup> Treasury OIG determined that Oregon's expenditures complied with the CARES Act and Treasury's Guidance, and the overall risk of unallowable use of funds is low.

During the review, Treasury OIG identified a matter of concern involving a sub-

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<sup>1</sup> P.L. 116-136 (March 27, 2020)

<sup>2</sup> GrantSolutions, a grant and program management Federal shared service provider under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, developed a customized and user-friendly reporting solution to capture the use of CRF payments from prime recipients.

<sup>3</sup> Treasury OIG, *Desk Review of the State of Oregon's Use of Coronavirus Relief Fund Proceeds*, OIG-CA-25-049 (May 30, 2025)

recipient, the City of Lakeside, Oregon (Lakeside). Lakeside received \$51,442.75 in grant funds from Oregon but initially failed to provide adequate justification or supporting documentation for these expenditures, including payroll-related transactions. As a result, Treasury OIG questioned the entire \$51,442.75 as unsupported.

Lakeside subsequently submitted additional documentation. After evaluating the new information, Treasury OIG determined that \$18,888.75 was properly supported and allowed under the CARES Act and Treasury's Guidance. The remaining \$32,554 in questioned costs remained unsupported. In April 2026, Oregon returned \$32,554 to the Department of the Treasury, thereby addressing the corrective action needed to resolve the questioned costs identified in the desk review.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation provided to our staff during the desk review follow-up. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (202) 927-5400, or a member of your staff may contact Dianna L. Jones, Audit Director, at (202) 997-4491.

Sincerely,

/s/

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