

# Speaker Vos: Sets priorities for federal assistance

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**[Madison, WI]** – Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) released the following statement in regard to how the state should proceed in allocating the federal dollars in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

“I would like to thank President Trump and commend him on his leadership in helping our state navigate during this serious pandemic. I also want to thank the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation for ushering through the CARES Act.

“According to the [Legislative Fiscal Bureau](#), the state could receive approximately \$2.2 billion in assistance with \$1.9 billion going to state government. I urge the governor to utilize these federal resources wisely in order to enhance the health care system to ensure no one goes without care. These dollars must be used to help acquire ventilators and more personal protection equipment as well as help public health departments and health care providers all over the state.

“In addition, because of the economic struggles we’re just starting to see with skyrocketing initial unemployment claims and businesses shuttering their doors, we know the state will experience a huge loss in tax collections. This will cause many unanticipated financial difficulties. The substantial federal allocation must be spent appropriately to help those who have been most affected by this shutdown.”