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Senator Cedric Hayden Honored with SDAO Legislative Leadership Award

Senator Cedric Hayden was presented with the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) Legislative Leadership Award during the 2023 SDAO Annual Conference Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 11th in Sunriver, Oregon.

SDAO awarded the Legislative Leadership Award to Senator Hayden for his efforts in recognizing the special districts in his district. This year, billions of dollars were allocated to state, city, and county governments from the federal government while special districts received nothing. However, certain Oregon legislators stepped forward to help the special districts in their communities with the funds that the State of Oregon received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Senator Hayden made sure the districts in his rural area didn't miss out and first dedicated \$800,000 of ARPA funds to them. Later, he requested \$2 million be allocated to assisting special districts in his legislative district with infrastructure projects. In total, Senator Hayden dedicated \$2.8 million in grant funding to special districts when no other funding was made available.

This funding has greatly impacted our rural districts and their communities, many of which did not have basic necessities to operate at an optimal level.

SDAO is honored to have presented this award to Senator Hayden. A video has been produced highlighting his support and achievements for our district members. Please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jIHCfqmPcU to view.

Special Districts Association of Oregon represents over 920 special districts in the state of Oregon assisting them in providing cost-effective and efficient public services to the people of Oregon. For more information, please visit www.sdao.com.

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