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A special Governor's fund is being started by Gov. Vic Atiyeh's former campaign leaders so "the Governor can properly carry on the political functions of his office, without use of taxpayers money", according to an announcement made by Alan "Punch" Green and Blake Hering.

A goal of \$25,000 has been established for the fund. Although not required by law, all contributions and expenditures will be reported regularly to the Secretary of State. "Full reporting is certainly in the spirit of Oregon law," Green said.

Green and Hering were co-chairman and finance chairman for the Atiyeh for Governor campaign in 1978. They emphasized that money from the fund would not be used to pay any personal expenses of the Governor or his family.

"The only expenses covered by this fund will be those which are tax deductible for the Governor because they are related to the Governor's job and are not reimbursable by the State," Green said. "Governor Atiyeh is the leader of the Republican party in Oregon and he is required to perform a number of party functions, including attendance at various party activities both in and out of the state and giving speeches to various groups. The fund will be used to pay for these political activities."

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Green indicated that they hope to use monies from the fund to provide the Governor's wife, Dolores Atiyeh, with secretarial services to assist her with the high volume of mail she is getting from Oregonians. The state does not provide such funds.

"The Governor feels very strongly that it is improper to expect the taxpayers to pay for political expenses related to his job and that such expenses should be financed by private donations," according to Green.

Those wishing to make contributions to the fund should send their checks made out to:

The Governor's Committee
Roy Livermore, Treasurer
P O Box 14490
Portland OR 97214

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