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# COVID-19 FLEXIBLE RESPONSE ACCOUNT

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

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## Executive Summary

- The COVID-19 Flexible Response Account was created to pay expenditures eligible under federal guidance for the state fiscal recovery federal fund. The fund was established on July 1, 2021 with a beginning balance of \$425 million.
- Money in the fund is appropriated to the Commissioner of Management and Budget to be disbursed or transferred to state agencies, as necessary.
- The Commissioner of Management and Budget may authorize expenditures of \$2.5 million or less. An expenditure request in excess of \$2.5 million must be submitted to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission for review and recommendation before it can be authorized.
- Funds in the COVID-19 Flexible Response Account may be allocated until June 30, 2022, pursuant to [Laws 2021 1st Special Session, Chapter 12](#). Allocated funds are available until June 30, 2023. Any money in the fund that remains unallocated on July 1, 2022 cancels back to the state fiscal recovery federal fund.
- As of May 31, 2022, \$1.0 million remains unauthorized in the fund. Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission authorizations total \$392.7 million. Additionally, \$31.3 million has been authorized as an expenditure of \$2.5 million or less.

## Background

On June 30, 2021, the Legislature passed legislation creating the COVID-19 Flexible Response Account and appropriating \$425 million to the Commissioner of Management and Budget to be disbursed or transferred to state agencies, as necessary. The legislation also reestablished the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission to review expenditures.

Members of the commission are the Senate majority and minority leaders, president, chair and ranking minority member of the Senate Finance Committee, House majority and minority leaders, speaker, and chair and ranking minority member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Expenditure requests in excess of \$2.5 million must be submitted to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission for review and recommendation before they can be authorized. The commission has three days after submission to review a request and provide a positive recommendation, a negative recommendation, or no recommendation. If a majority of commission members from the Senate and a majority of commission members from the House of Representatives provide a negative recommendation on a proposed expenditure, the commissioner is prohibited from expending the money. If a majority of the commission members from the Senate or a majority of the commission members from the House of Representatives do not make a negative recommendation, or if the commission makes no recommendation, the commissioner may expend the money. The Commissioner of Management and Budget may authorize expenditures of \$2.5 million or less.

The Commissioner of Management and Budget must provide expenditure reports from the COVID-19 Flexible Response Account to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission on the last day of each month. The report must include the total amount of each expenditure, the purpose of each expenditure, and any additional information the Commissioner of Management and Budget determines is necessary to properly document each expenditure. This report includes accounting data through May 31, 2022. Expenditures and commitments in SWIFT may lag the actual costs incurred due to delays in invoicing and payment processes with vendors.

Funds in the COVID-19 Flexible Response Account may be allocated until June 30, 2022, pursuant to [Laws 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Chapter 12](#). Allocated funds are available until June 30, 2023. Any money in the fund that remains unallocated on July 1, 2022 cancels back to the state fiscal recovery federal fund.

## Authorized Expenditures

Below is a summary of total authorized expenditures from the COVID-19 Flexible Response Account through May 31, 2022. Table 1 highlights authorized expenditures in excess of \$2.5 million. Table 2 highlights authorized expenditures of \$2.5 million or less.

**Table 1. Authorized Expenditures Over \$2.5 Million**

*(\$ in thousands)*

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended
LCRC-1	8/4/2021	DPS	Violence Prevention Grants	\$ 16,800	\$ 1,280
LCRC-2	8/6/2021	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	\$ 13,800	\$ 8,185
LCRC-3	9/3/2021	Zoo	Continued Operations	\$ 11,495	\$ 3,479
LCRC-4	9/3/2021	DEED	Science Museum Operations	\$ 3,798	\$ 3,798
LCRC-5	9/3/2021	ADM	State Parking Facilities	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,207
LCRC-6	9/3/2021	ADM	Enterprise Planning	\$ 4,000	\$ 273
LCRC-7	9/3/2021	ADM	Workers Compensation	\$ 3,175	\$ 2,345
LCRC-8	9/3/2021	OHE	Workforce Stabilization*	\$ 33,500	\$ 5,148
LCRC-9	9/3/2021	MDE	Education Partnerships	\$ 4,000	\$ 670
LCRC-10	9/3/2021	MDE	Pandemic Enrollment Aid	\$ 29,191	\$ 4,145
LCRC-11	9/3/2021	DHS	Sheltering I	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,050
LCRC-12	9/28/2021	MJB	Courts Backlog	\$ 9,961	\$ 4,274
LCRC-13	9/28/2021	BPD	Public Defense Backlog	\$ 3,945	\$ 265

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LCRC-14	9/28/2021	DHS	Sheltering II	\$ 15,000	-
LCRC-15	10/18/2021	MDH	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives	\$ 12,200	\$ 6,039
LCRC-16	10/22/2021	MHFA	Emergency Rental Assistance Admin	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
LCRC-17	11/16/2021	AGO	COVID-19 Residual Work	\$ 3,571	\$ 614
LCRC-18	11/16/2021	MHFA	Exhausted Benefits	\$ 20,000	-
LCRC-19	11/23/2021	DHS	Emergency Nursing Facility Grants	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,900
LCRC-20	12/14/2021	DHS	Transition Children in Crisis	\$ 2,860	\$ 39
LCRC-21	12/14/2021	OHE	Nursing Assistant Initiative	\$ 3,425	\$ 2,190
LCRC-22	12/28/2021	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, II	\$ 2,510	\$ 12
LCRC-23	12/28/2021	MDH	COVID Response Staffing	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,591
LCRC-24	12/28/2021	DHS	Food Support Grants	\$ 14,000	\$ 8,782
LCRC-25	12/28/2021	MDA	Expanded Meal Access	\$ 3,000	\$ 1
LCRC-26	12/28/2021	MDA	Hunger Relief	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,504
LCRC-27	12/28/2021	DHS	Child Care Stabilization	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,969
LCRC-28	1/15/2022	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, III	\$ 40,000	\$ 14,661
LCRC-29	1/15/2022	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing Hospitals	\$ 40,000	\$ 11,575
LCRC-30	1/15/2022	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing LTC Fac.	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,491

\*Authorization amount was reduced by a cancellation of funds. See appendix B for details.

**Table 2. Authorized Expenditures of \$2.5 Million or Less***(\$ in thousands)*

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended
MMB-1	7/30/2021	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
MMB-2	8/30/2021	DNR	Timber Permit Relief*	\$ 353	\$ 353
MMB-3	8/30/2021	ADM	Small Business Development	\$ 960	\$ 54
MMB-4	8/30/2021	MDE	Girl Scouts ConnectZ	\$ 1,000	\$ 1
MMB-5	9/10/2021	MMB	State Employee Testing*	\$ 934	\$ 934
MMB-6	9/17/2021	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability	\$ 2,016	\$ 456
MMB-7	9/17/2021	GOV	COVID-19 Response Staffing	\$ 900	\$ 333
MMB-8	10/13/2021	MNsure	ARPA Systems Implementation	\$ 1,969	\$ 1,226
MMB-9	10/18/2021	MDE	Early Learning	\$ 1,500	\$ 36
MMB-10	10/18/2021	MDE	Expanded Life Skills	\$ 1,000	-
MMB-11	10/27/2021	MDH	Emergency Staff Hospital Decompression	\$2,490	\$ 2,365
MMB-12	11/10/2021	MDHR	Enhanced COVID-19 Response	\$ 500	\$ 15
MMB-13	11/22/2021	OHE	Workforce Stabilization Grants Admin	\$ 1,500	\$ 120
MMB-14	11/24/2021	DMA	Emergency Training Costs	\$ 1,675	\$ 96
MMB-15	12/8/2021	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, I	\$ 2,490	\$ 2,321
MMB-16	12/23/2021	MDH	COVID Antiviral Distribution	\$ 400	-



Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended
MMB-17	12/23/2021	MDH	Crisis Care Coordination Center*	-	-
MMB-18	12/23/2021	MDVA	Homeless Veteran Service Navigator Prog.	\$ 200	-
MMB-19	12/23/2021	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, II	\$ 750	-
MMB-20	12/23/2021	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership	\$ 544	-
MMB-21	12/23/2021	MMB	Single Audit	\$ 75	-
MMB-22	12/23/2021	Met C.	Study COVID Using Wastewater Data	\$ 600	-
MMB-23	1/26/2022	DOC	Staff Overtime Bonus Pay	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,085
MMB-24	1/26/2022	MDE	Staff Support Package	\$ 754	\$ 5
MMB-25	1/26/2022	DLI	Frontline Worker Pay IT Solution	\$ 100	-
MMB-26	4/26/2022	ADM	N95 and KN95 Masks	\$ 1,000	-
MMB-27	4/26/2022	DPS	BCA Efforts to Combat Violence Crime	\$ 1,000	\$ 1
MMB-28	4/26/2022	DPS	State Patrol Aviation Support	\$ 1,000	\$ 8
MMB-29	4/26/2022	DPS	Survivor Support Grants	\$ 2,000	-

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## Appendix A: COVID-19 Flexible Response Account Detail

### COVID-19 Flexible Response Account Overview, July 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022

(\$ in thousands)

Initial Fund Balance	Authorized	Remaining Unauthorized	Expended	Committed	Uncommitted
\$ 425,000	\$ 424,041	\$ 959	\$ 177,396	\$ 88,430	\$ 158,213

### COVID-19 Flexible Response Account Detail

(\$ in thousands)

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
LCRC-1	DPS	Violence Prevention Grants	\$ 16,800	\$ 1,280	\$ 8,541
LCRC-2	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	\$ 13,800	\$ 8,185	\$ 3,129
LCRC-3	Zoo	Continued Operations	\$ 11,495	\$ 3,479	-
LCRC-4	DEED	Science Museum	\$ 3,798	\$ 3,798	-
LCRC-5	Admin	State Parking Facilities	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,461
LCRC-6	Admin	Enterprise Planning	\$ 4,000	\$ 273	\$ 608
LCRC-7	Admin	Workers Compensation	\$ 3,175	\$ 2,345	-
LCRC-8	OHE	Workforce Stabilization*	\$ 33,500	\$ 5,148	-
LCRC-9	MDE	Education Partnerships	\$ 4,000	\$ 670	\$ 1,305
LCRC-10	MDE	Pandemic Enrollment	\$ 29,191	\$ 4,145	-
LCRC-11	DHS	Sheltering I	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,050	\$ 5,950

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
LCRC-12	MJB	Courts Backlog	\$ 9,961	\$ 4,274	\$ 35
LCRC-13	BPD	Public Defense Backlog	\$ 3,945	\$ 265	\$ 320
LCRC-14	DHS	Sheltering II	\$ 15,000	-	\$ 15,000
LCRC-15	MDH	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives	\$12,200	\$ 6,039	-
LCRC-16	MHFA	Emergency Rental Assistance Admin	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	-
LCRC-17	AGO	COVID-19 Residual Work	\$ 3,571	\$ 614	-
LCRC-18	MHFA	Exhausted Benefits	\$ 20,000	-	-
LCRC-19	DHS	Emergency Nursing Facility Grants	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,900	-
LCRC-20	DHS	Transition Children in Crisis	\$ 2,860	\$ 39	\$ 1,050
LCRC-21	OHE	Nursing Assistant Initiative	\$ 3,425	\$ 2,190	\$ 1,151
LCRC-22	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, II	\$ 2,510	\$ 12	\$ 2,498
LCRC-23	MDH	COVID Response Staffing	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,591	\$ 106
LCRC-24	DHS	Food Support Grants	\$ 14,000	\$ 8,782	\$ 4,218
LCRC-25	MDA	Expanded Meal Access	\$ 3,000	\$ 1	\$ 2,995
LCRC-26	MDA	Hunger Relief	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,493
LCRC-27	DHS	Child Care Stabilization	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,969	-
LCRC-28	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, III	\$ 40,000	\$ 14,661	\$ 10,669

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LCRC-29	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing Hospitals	\$ 40,000	\$ 11,575	\$ 21,425
LCRC-30	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing LTC Fac.	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,491	\$ 2,509
MMB-1	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	-
MMB-2	DNR	Timber Permit Relief*	\$ 353	\$ 353	-
MMB-3	ADM	Small Business Development	\$ 960	\$ 54	-
MMB-4	MDE	Girl Scouts ConnectZ	\$ 1,000	\$ 1	-
MMB-5	MMB	State Employee Testing*	\$ 934	\$ 934	-
MMB-6	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability	\$ 2,016	\$ 456	-
MMB-7	GOV	COVID-19 Response Staffing	\$ 900	\$ 333	-
MMB-8	MNsure	ARPA Systems Implementation	\$ 1,969	\$ 1,226	\$ 148
MMB-9	MDE	Early Learning	\$ 1,500	\$ 36	\$ 631
MMB-10	MDE	Expanded Life Skills	\$ 1,000	-	-
MMB-11	MDH	Emergency Staff – Hospital Decompression	\$2,490	\$ 2,365	\$ 125
MMB-12	MDHR	Enhanced COVID-19 Response	\$ 500	\$ 15	\$ 482
MMB-13	OHE	Workforce Stabilization Grants Admin	\$ 1,500	\$ 120	\$ 51
MMB-14	DMA	Emergency Training Costs	\$ 1,675	\$ 96	\$ 1,423
MMB-15	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, I	\$ 2,490	\$ 2,321	-

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MMB-16	MDH	COVID Antiviral Distribution	\$ 400	-	-
MMB-17	MDH	Crisis Care Coordination Center*	-	-	-
MMB-18	MDVA	Homeless Veteran Service Navigator Prog.	\$ 200	-	\$ 200
MMB-19	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, II	\$ 750	-	-
MMB-20	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership	\$ 544	-	-
MMB-21	MMB	Single Audit	\$ 75	-	-
MMB-22	Met C.	Study COVID Using Wastewater Data	\$ 600	-	-
MMB-23	DOC	Staff Overtime Bonus Pay	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,085	-
MMB-24	MDE	Staff Support Package	\$ 754	\$ 5	\$ 69
MMB-25	DLI	Frontline Worker Pay IT Solution	\$ 100	-	\$ 100
MMB-26	ADM	N95 and KN95 Masks	\$ 1,000	-	-
MMB-27	DPS	BCA Efforts to Combat Violence Crime	\$ 1,000	\$ 1	-
MMB-28	DPS	State Patrol Aviation Support	\$ 1,000	\$ 8	\$ 73
MMB-29	DPS	Survivor Support Grants	\$ 2,000	-	\$ 665

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## Appendix B: Cancellations

The following are cancellations from previously approved authorizations.

*(\$ in thousands)*

Request #	Agency	Description	Original Authorization	Cancellation Amount	Authorized
LCRC-8	OHE	Workforce Stabilization	\$ 35,000	(\$ 1,500)	\$ 33,500
MMB-2	DNR	Timber Permit Relief	\$ 1,000	(\$ 647)	\$ 353
MMB-5	MMB	State Employee Testing	\$ 1,500	(\$ 566)	\$ 934
MMB-17	MDH	Crisis Care Coordination Center	\$ 1,280	(\$ 1,280)	-

## **Appendix C: Request Forms**

No items were authorized in May 2022.

All prior request forms are available online at [mn.gov/mmb/arp/state](https://mn.gov/mmb/arp/state).