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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 June 30, 2022, the fund has been fully authorized. Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission authorizations total \$387.2 million. Additionally, \$37.8 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 June 30, 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 June 30, 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*	16,200	1,454
LCRC-2	8/6/2021	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	13,800	8,226
LCRC-3	9/3/2021	Zoo	Continued Operations	11,495	4,803
LCRC-4	9/3/2021	DEED	Science Museum Operations	3,798	3,798
LCRC-5	9/3/2021	ADM	State Parking Facilities	3,000	1,268
LCRC-6	9/3/2021	ADM	Enterprise Planning	4,000	523
LCRC-7	9/3/2021	ADM	Workers Compensation	3,175	3,057
LCRC-8	9/3/2021	OHE	Workforce Stabilization*	33,500	4,950
LCRC-9	9/3/2021	MDE	Education Partnerships	4,000	708
LCRC-10	9/3/2021	MDE	Pandemic Enrollment Aid	29,191	5,940
LCRC-11	9/3/2021	DHS	Sheltering I	10,000	4,288
LCRC-12	9/28/2021	MJB	Courts Backlog	9,961	4,689
LCRC-13	9/28/2021	BPD	Public Defense Backlog	3,945	437

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended
LCRC-14	9/28/2021	DHS	Sheltering II	15,000	43
LCRC-15	10/18/2021	MDH	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives*	6,040	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	820
LCRC-18	11/16/2021	MHFA	Exhausted Benefits*	5,000	-
LCRC-19	11/23/2021	DHS	Emergency Nursing Facility Grants*	49,900	49,900
LCRC-20	12/14/2021	DHS	Transition Children in Crisis	2,860	58
LCRC-21	12/14/2021	OHE	Nursing Assistant Initiative	3,425	2,215
LCRC-22	12/28/2021	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, II	2,510	2,510
LCRC-23	12/28/2021	MDH	COVID Response Staffing	4,500	1,676
LCRC-24	12/28/2021	DHS	Food Support Grants	14,000	9,516
LCRC-25	12/28/2021	MDA	Expanded Meal Access	3,000	105
LCRC-26	12/28/2021	MDA	Hunger Relief	3,000	2,060
LCRC-27	12/28/2021	DHS	Child Care Stabilization*	19,969	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*	33,000	30,269
LCRC-30	1/15/2022	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing LTC Fac.*	-	-

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended
LCRC-31	6/30/2022	DHS	Ramsey County Shelter	6,000	-
LCRC-32	6/30/2022	DHS	Child Care Basic Sliding Fee Waitlist	7,000	-
LCRC-33	6/30/2022	DHS	Food Support, II	5,100	-
LCRC-34	6/30/2022	DHS	ISD MH Innovation Grant Program	4,400	-
LCRC-35	6/30/2022	MMB	ERP Systems**	1,000	-
LCRC-36	6/30/2022	DOC	Staffing Crisis Management via Incentives	4,900	-

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\*\*Authorization is fully or partially contingent. Please see request form for additional 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	66
MMB-4	8/30/2021	MDE	Girl Scouts ConnectZ	1,000	2
MMB-5	9/10/2021	MMB	State Employee Testing*	934	934
MMB-6	9/17/2021	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability*	1,583	511
MMB-7	9/17/2021	GOV	COVID-19 Response Staffing	900	379
MMB-8	10/13/2021	MNsure	ARPA Systems Implementation	1,969	1,248
MMB-9	10/18/2021	MDE	Early Learning	1,500	37
MMB-10	10/18/2021	MDE	Expanded Life Skills	1,000	-
MMB-11	10/27/2021	MDH	Emergency Staff Hospital Decompression*	125	-
MMB-12	11/10/2021	MDHR	Enhanced COVID-19 Response	500	18
MMB-13	11/22/2021	OHE	Workforce Stabilization Grants Admin	1,500	326
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	12
MMB-19	12/23/2021	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, II	750	54
MMB-20	12/23/2021	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership*	133	-
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	1,069
MMB-24	1/26/2022	MDE	Staff Support Package	754	10
MMB-25	1/26/2022	DLI	Frontline Worker Pay IT Solution	100	100
MMB-26	4/26/2022	ADM	N95 and KN95 Masks*	650	-
MMB-27	4/26/2022	DPS	BCA Efforts to Combat Violence Crime	1,000	22
MMB-28	4/26/2022	DPS	State Patrol Aviation Support	1,000	60
MMB-29	4/26/2022	DPS	Survivor Support Grants*	1,813	-
MMB-30	6/28/2022	DHS	Hennepin County Shelter	1,800	-
MMB-31	6/28/2022	DHS	Mental Health Support for Children Experiencing Crisis	2,500	-
MMB-32	6/28/2022	MDE	Grow Your Own	1,500	-
MMB-33	6/28/2022	ADM	Parking and Transit, II**	-	-

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended
MMB-34	6/28/2022	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, Ill	1,953	-
MMB-35	6/28/2022	DNR	Public Safety Response**	-	-
MMB-36	6/28/2022	DPS	State Patrol Deficiency**	1,073	-
MMB-37	6/28/2022	DPS	Gun Safety	1,000	-
MMB-38	6/30/2022	DHS	Navigator Grants	370	-

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

### COVID-19 Flexible Response Account Overview, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

(\$ in thousands)

Initial Fund Balance	Authorized	Remaining Unauthorized	Expended	Committed	Uncommitted
\$ 425,000	\$ 425,000	\$ 0	\$ 201,025	\$ 63,785	\$ 160,170

### COVID-19 Flexible Response Account Detail

(\$ in thousands)

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
LCRC-1	DPS	Violence Prevention Grants*	16,200	1,454	8,742
LCRC-2	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	13,800	8,226	2,833
LCRC-3	Zoo	Continued Operations	11,495	4,803	-
LCRC-4	DEED	Science Museum	3,798	3,798	-
LCRC-5	Admin	State Parking Facilities	3,000	1,268	1,438
LCRC-6	Admin	Enterprise Planning	4,000	523	357
LCRC-7	Admin	Workers Compensation	3,175	3,057	-
LCRC-8	OHE	Workforce Stabilization*	33,500	4,950	-
LCRC-9	MDE	Education Partnerships	4,000	708	1,268
LCRC-10	MDE	Pandemic Enrollment	29,191	5,940	-
LCRC-11	DHS	Sheltering I	10,000	4,288	5,712

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
LCRC-12	MJB	Courts Backlog	9,961	4,689	12
LCRC-13	BPD	Public Defense Backlog	3,945	437	281
LCRC-14	DHS	Sheltering II	15,000	43	14,957
LCRC-15	MDH	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives*	6,040	6,039	-
LCRC-16	MHFA	Emergency Rental Assistance Admin	7,000	7,000	-
LCRC-17	AGO	COVID-19 Residual Work	3,571	820	-
LCRC-18	MHFA	Exhausted Benefits*	5,000	-	-
LCRC-19	DHS	Emergency Nursing Facility Grants*	49,900	49,900	-
LCRC-20	DHS	Transition Children in Crisis	2,860	58	1,000
LCRC-21	OHE	Nursing Assistant Initiative	3,425	2,215	1,117
LCRC-22	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, II	2,510	2,510	-
LCRC-23	MDH	COVID Response Staffing	4,500	1,676	63
LCRC-24	DHS	Food Support Grants	14,000	9,516	3,484
LCRC-25	MDA	Expanded Meal Access	3,000	105	2,891
LCRC-26	MDA	Hunger Relief	3,000	2,060	937
LCRC-27	DHS	Child Care Stabilization*	19,969	19,969	-
LCRC-28	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, III	40,000	14,661	10,669

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
LCRC-29	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing Hospitals*	33,000	30,269	2,731
LCRC-30	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing LTC Fac.*	-	-	-
LCRC-31	DHS	Ramsey County Shelter	6,000	-	-
LCRC-32	DHS	Child Care Basic Sliding Fee Waitlist	7,000	-	-
LCRC-33	DHS	Food Support, II	5,100	-	-
LCRC-34	DHS	ISD MH Innovation Grant Program	4,400	-	-
LCRC-35	MMB	ERP Systems**	1,000	-	-
LCRC-36	DOC	Staffing Crisis Management via Incentives	4,900	-	-
MMB-1	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	2,500	2,500	-
MMB-2	DNR	Timber Permit Relief*	353	353	-
MMB-3	ADM	Small Business Development	960	66	-
MMB-4	MDE	Girl Scouts ConnectZ	1,000	2	-
MMB-5	MMB	State Employee Testing*	934	934	-
MMB-6	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability*	1,583	511	2
MMB-7	GOV	COVID-19 Response Staffing	900	379	-
MMB-8	MNsure	ARPA Systems Implementation	1,969	1,248	126
MMB-9	MDE	Early Learning	1,500	37	631

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
MMB-10	MDE	Expanded Life Skills	1,000	-	-
MMB-11	MDH	Emergency Staff – Hospital Decompression*	125	-	125
MMB-12	MDHR	Enhanced COVID-19 Response	500	18	479
MMB-13	OHE	Workforce Stabilization Grants Admin	1,500	326	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	-
MMB-16	MDH	COVID Antiviral Distribution	400	-	-
MMB-17	MDH	Crisis Care Coordination Center*	-	-	-
MMB-18	MDVA	Homeless Veteran Service Navigator Prog.	200	12	188
MMB-19	ADM	Workers’ Compensation Costs, II	750	54	-
MMB-20	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership*	133	-	-
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	1,069	-
MMB-24	MDE	Staff Support Package	754	10	409
MMB-25	DLI	Frontline Worker Pay IT Solution	100	100	-
MMB-26	ADM	N95 and KN95 Masks*	650	-	-

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
MMB-27	DPS	BCA Efforts to Combat Violence Crime	1,000	22	-
MMB-28	DPS	State Patrol Aviation Support	1,000	60	37
MMB-29	DPS	Survivor Support Grants*	1,813	-	1,813
MMB-30	DHS	Hennepin County Shelter	1,800	-	-
MMB-31	DHS	MH Support for Children Experiencing Crisis	2,500	-	-
MMB-32	MDE	Grow Your Own	1,500	-	-
MMB-33	ADM	Parking and Transit, II**	-	-	-
MMB-34	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, III	1,953	-	-
MMB-35	DNR	Public Safety Response**	-	-	-
MMB-36	DPS	State Patrol Deficiency**	1,073	-	-
MMB-37	DPS	Gun Safety	1,000	-	-
MMB-38	DHS	Navigator Grants	370	-	-

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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-01	DPS	Violence Prevention Grants	\$ 16,800	(\$ 600)	\$ 16,200
LCRC-8	OHE	Workforce Stabilization	\$ 35,000	(\$ 1,500)	\$ 33,500
LCRC-15	MDH	Vaccine Incentives III	\$ 12,200	(\$ 6,160)	\$ 6,040
LCRC-18	MHFA	RentHelpMN Exhausted Benefits	\$ 20,000	(\$ 15,000)	\$ 5,000
LCRC-19	DHS	Emergency Nursing Facility Grants	\$ 50,000	(\$ 100)	\$ 49,900
LCRC-27	DHS	Child Care Stabilization	\$ 20,000	(\$ 31)	\$ 19,969
LCRC-29	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing Hospitals	\$ 40,000	(\$ 7,000)	\$ 33,000
LCRC-30	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing LTC Fac.	\$ 5,000	(\$ 5,000)	-
MMB-2	DNR	Timber Permit Relief	\$ 1,000	(\$ 647)	\$ 353
MMB-5	MMB	State Employee Testing	\$ 1,500	(\$ 566)	\$ 934
MMB-6	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability	\$ 2,016	(\$ 434)	\$ 1,583
MMB-11	MDH	Emergency Staff – Hospital Decompression	\$ 2,490	(\$ 2,365)	\$ 125

<b>Request #</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Original Authorization</b>	<b>Cancellation Amount</b>	<b>Authorized</b>
MMB-17	MDH	Crisis Care Coordination Center	\$ 1,280	(\$ 1,280)	-
MMB-20	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership	\$ 544	(\$ 411)	\$ 133
MMB-29	DPS	Survivor Support Grants	\$ 2,000	(\$ 187)	\$ 1,813
MMB-26	ADM	N95 and KN95 Masks	\$1,000	(\$ 350)	\$ 650

## Appendix C: Request Forms

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

- LCRC-31 DHS Ramsey County Shelter
- LCRC-32 DHS Child Care Basic Sliding Fee Waitlist
- LCRC-33 DHS Food Support, II
- Repurpose: LCRC-20 Transition Children in Behavioral Health Crisis
- LCRC-34 DHS ISD MH Innovation Grant Program
- LCRC-35 MMB ERP Systems
- LCRC-36 DOC Staffing Crisis Management via Incentives
- MMB-30 DHS Hennepin County Shelter
- MMB-31 MH Support for Children in Crisis
- MMB-32 MDE Grow Your Own
- MMB-33 ADM Parking and Transit, II
- MMB-34 ADM Workers' Compensation Costs, III
- MMB-35 DNR Public Safety Response
- MMB-36 DPS State Patrol Deficiency
- MMB-37 DPS Gun Safety
- MMB-38 DHS Navigator Grants

**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State  
Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)  
Request Form**

Please complete this form in accordance with  
the process instructions.

**Agency/Point of Contact:** Department of Human Services, Andrea Simonett

**Title of Request:** Support for Ramsey County Emergency Shelters Facing Expiring COVID Funding

**Date:** 6/22/2022

**Request Amount:** \$ 6,000,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

Throughout the pandemic, Ramsey County has joined other local and Tribal governments and nonprofit and philanthropic partners in creating additional emergency shelter capacity and isolation space for people experiencing homelessness, to help deconcentrate existing congregate shelter settings and provide safe places for people experiencing homelessness to recover safely from a COVID infection that did not require higher levels of medical treatment, and to provide additional shelter capacity for people otherwise staying outdoors. Ramsey County and its partners used temporary funding from the State of Minnesota administered by DHS's Office of Economic Opportunity and direct allocations of temporary Federal recovery funds to support these settings and the providers operating them. Unfortunately, these temporary sources that these partners have relied on are nearly expended, and will lead to the continual displacement of hundreds of shelter residents unless additional funding is secured.

As federal relief dollars run out, Ramsey County has been forced to close several shelters that were opened during the pandemic to house people experiencing homelessness. This proposal would support 100-200 shelter beds through June 2023. Funds would also help St. Paul and Ramsey County address a growing number of encampments that now include more than 110 people. In addition to providing immediate access to shelter and basic needs, the continued operation of the shelters will help connect people with permanent housing options. During a comparable period in 2021 (May – December 2021), Ramsey County's temporary shelter settings helped roughly 24 people secure housing each month they were operating.

This proposal represents the use of funds prioritized and requested by the Heading Home Ramsey, a Continuum of Care organization consisting of all partners working on homelessness in Ramsey County. Funds would be provided to Ramsey County for use within the defined purposes and among Ramsey County and its other partners in these shelter settings. The Department of Human Services has authority to award these funds to Ramsey County under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.36.

Jodi Harpstead

Department Head Signature

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**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form**

Please complete this form in accordance with the process instructions.

**Agency/Point of Contact:** Tikki Brown - Department of Human Services

**Title of Request:** American Rescue Plan Funds for Child Care Assistance Program Basic Sliding Fee

**Date:** 6/22/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 7,000,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

This request is for \$7 million for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) Program for the Calendar Year 2023 allocation. These funds would temporarily clear the Basic Sliding Fee waiting list and create stability and access to child care for approximately about 340 families and 680 children in Calendar Year 2023. Previous COVID relief funds have helped increase access to the BSF program.

As of April 2022, there were 372 families on BSF waiting lists statewide and as of February 2021, an estimated 82% of families on waiting lists and being served by the Child Care Assistance Program were essential workers. The additional funds will signal to local agencies (counties and tribes) to keep reaching families on the waiting lists, if they have a waiting list. For local agencies that don't have a waiting list, it will reduce the potential need for them to start a waiting list into CY2023.

In State Fiscal year 2021, BSF served approximately 12,200 children from just under 6,200 families. In a more typical year, CCAP serves approximately 15,000 children from 7,000 families. Sixty-one percent of children served by BSF were children of color, specifically Black/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, multiple races, and American Indian. Of all children served by BSF, 46 percent were Black or African American. Increasing funds available to BSF would increase access to child care services for children of color, in particular Black or African American children.

Families eligible for CCAP through BSF have an annual income below 67% of the State Median Income at the time of redetermination and incomes below 85% of the State Median income at all times during their eligibility. Families must be participating in authorized work, job search, or educational activities.

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**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form**

Please complete this form in accordance with the process instructions.

**Agency/Point of Contact:** Sarah Aughenbaugh, DHS, sarah.aughenbaugh@state.mn.us, 651-431-3825

**Title of Request:** Federal Recovery Funds for Food Support

**Date:** 6/22/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 5,100,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

Food support continues to be an ongoing concern due to the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19. Minnesotans made more than 3.6 million visits to food shelves in 2021. Children represented 34.8% of food shelf visits in 2021, and seniors represented 14% of food shelf visits; an increase of 31% since 2019. And in 2020, 83% of Black and 70% Hispanic/Latino Minnesotans reported food insecurity compared to 32% of white residents. Fifty-two percent of Asian Americans and 55% of people of other races reported some degree of food insecurity and almost half of American Indians nationwide have reported not having enough food. Access to food ensures children and families have the resources to thrive in school, work, and their communities.

Minnesota faces an intense food security challenge: responding to immediate household food needs in the face of high gas prices, increasing COVID case rates and rising food costs. DHS and the Food Security Work Group are proposing this allocation of Fiscal Recovery Funds to address this challenge.

This proposal requests \$5.1 million to support immediate household food needs, to provide a nimble, fluid response to changing needs across the emergency food response system. This proposal would provide grant funds to food shelves, food banks, and meal programs, operated by community based organizations, Tribal Nations, and local units of government.

Allowable uses of funds would include:

- Purchasing, producing, processing, transporting, storing, and coordinating the distribution of nutritious food to needy individuals and families. This includes the purchase of baby formula and culturally connected food items to meet Minnesotans' diverse needs across the state.
- Purchasing PPE, hygiene supplies, cleaning and disinfecting processes to promote COVID-mitigation strategies
- Supporting plans for appropriate distribution methods to ensure COVID-19 safety
- Supporting systems, marketing and communication for low contact food distribution and SNAP application assistance
- Administrative expenses to support distributing funds quickly
- Up to \$100,000 may be conveyed to the Department of Education to expand access to school-based food assistance for Tribal children

Without these investments, Minnesotans will experience food hardship and insecurity due to the ongoing public health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

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**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State  
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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Neerja Singh Department of Human Services

**Title of Request:** Repurpose funding in Action Order #9 for Pediatric Residential Treatment Facilities

**Date:** 6/23/2022

**Request Amount:** \$ 2,860,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 11/1/2021 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

This proposal would modify Action Order #9 by allowing the Commissioner to provide funding to providers who have an active PRTF contract with the State and are actively working towards establishing PRTF services for children as of June 30, 2022, and meet all other criteria for eligibility.

Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting permission to re-purpose the \$2.86 million authorized by the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission (LCRC) Action Order #9 LCRC to provide stopgap funding to accommodate transition of children from emergency departments and inpatient hospitals to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs). COVID-19 has exacerbated mental health conditions for many children. Hospitals have been unable to transition these children to a more appropriate type of care due to diminished capacity of mental health residential facilities. Action Order #9 stipulated that in order to be eligible for funding a PRTF must be operational as a PRTF and actively accepting children as of June 1, 2022.

The PRTF model in the State has been developed to provide safe therapeutic mental health care to children with complex needs. At this time we have three operational PRTFs in the State, and DHS is working with them to provide above-mentioned funding to build infrastructure to transition children from hospitals. One provider (North Homes Children and Family Services in Grand Rapids) has an active PRTF contract with DHS and is working to complete all the certifications required to be certified as PRTF which requires intensive work with multiple state agencies including DHS, MDH and MDE. However, the provider did not meet the conditions for receiving funding under Action Order #9 because it was not accepting admissions as a PRTF as of June 1, 2022. The provider will be able to access funding approximately upto \$500,000 ( like other PRTF providers) to provide services to children with high and complex needs.

The need for transitioning children to PRTFs is great, and North Homes is willing to transition children from hospitals to its current program, if they are able to create additional staffing and infrastructure resources to meet the needs of these children, while they work towards their PRTF certifications. Given the current crisis we are facing as a State to transition children from hospitals, we can help North Homes by providing support using these funds to accept children, while they consolidate their efforts to become fully operational as PRTF.

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** DHS, Neerja Singh; MDE, Daron Korte

**Title of Request:** Intermediate School District Mental Health Innovation Grant Program

**Date:** 6/17/2022

**Request Amount:** \$ 4,400,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

MDE recommends funding for grants to fund innovative projects to improve mental health outcomes for youth attending an Intermediate School District organized under Minnesota Statutes 136D.01 that provides instruction to students in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher.

DHS will administer the program. MDE and DHS will collaborate in developing and delivering technical assistance to support innovative implementation of evidence-based practices in intermediate school districts.

Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants to ensure the services are proportionately provided among qualifying school units as determined by the commissioner.

An eligible applicant is an entity that demonstrated capacity to serve youth experiencing mental health issues, employs or contracts with at least two licensed mental health professionals who have formal training in evidence-based practices, and that is: certified under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0750 to 9520.0870, a community mental health center under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 5, an American Indian health service facility or facility owned and operated by a Tribe or Tribal organization operating under United States Code, title 25, section 5321; or a provider of children's therapeutic services and supports as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 256B.0943.

The commissioner may require grantees to pursue third-party reimbursement. Up to five percent of these grants may be retained by the department for administrative costs.

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**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form**

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB)/Britta Reitan, Deputy Commissioner

**Title of Request:** Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems Risk Reduction

**Date:** 6/22/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 5,000,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

MMB owns and operates the state's enterprise resource planning (ERP) system. The ERP systems consist of the state accounting and procurement system (SWIFT), human resources, payroll, benefits, and recruiting system (SEMA4), the enterprise learning management system (ELM) and the data warehouse reporting system. These systems are used by state agencies in all three branches of government to conduct their essential daily business functions.

Costs to support and maintain these systems continue to grow but MMB does not have sufficient funding to support all system needs. This underfunding has resulted in increased risks to the systems. MMB requests \$5 million to reduce or delay immediate risks to the stability of the state's ERP systems. The most critical need is an upgrade to the data warehouse reporting system. This system was implemented in 2011, and due to a lack of resources, MMB has not been able to update and enhance the foundational system infrastructure since that time. The data warehouse is becoming increasingly destabilized due to its aging and unsupported infrastructure. The system is essential to the reporting of financial and human resources data out of the other ERP systems, including federal reporting and the necessary reporting of the state's COVID-19 federal funding. If the data warehouse fails, it will result in a lack of transparency and inability to meet regulatory deadlines. With the funds requested in this proposal, MMB can begin Phase 1 work to stabilize the data warehouse as well as provide other necessary infrastructure and software support for the state's other ERP systems. MMB must begin the data warehouse project now to reduce the risk of failure.

The project will:

- \*Purchase a necessary software license that will also provide ongoing maintenance from the vendor.
- \*Provide staffing and contractor resources who will: upgrade the database to remove references to an off the shelf software and stabilize it as a custom developed database that can be kept current; apply the license and upgraded software; and analyze the impact to over 5,000 queries that transfer data from the ERP systems to the data warehouse.

The requested \$5 million will not be enough to complete the project, but it will allow Phase 1 of the work to begin. This funding may also be used to address other critical infrastructure and software support of the state's ERP systems.

\$4.0 million in expenditures from this allocation will be contingent upon sufficient receipt of funds returned to the state resulting from the cost-sharing provisions identified in hospital contracts and additional underspending that occurred from the MDH Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool Hospital Supplemental Staffing allocation approved on January 15, 2022 under LCRC Action Order #11.

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**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form**

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Department of Corrections, Connie Jones, Assistant Commissioner

**Title of Request:** Staffing Crisis Management via Incentives

**Date:** 6/24/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 4,900,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 12/1/2021 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

As the Department of Corrections (DOC) moves into FY23, we are continuing to manage unprecedented staffing shortages at the same time we are working to comply with ongoing pandemic management strategies.

To combat this ongoing crisis, DOC implemented three incentives to date - new hire incentive, referral incentive, and overtime shift bonus - all of which have paid dividends thus far:

- The DOC has seen a significant increase in the number of candidates applying to the DOC and has subsequently hired 433 staff into positions deemed hard-to-fill.
- We are now at full CO complement at five facilities, challenged at three facilities, and critical at three facilities.

New Hire and Referral Incentive

In December of 2021, the DOC began offering \$5000 new hire incentives for hard-to-fill positions, CO and otherwise. Since offering these incentives we have seen dramatic increases in number of applicants; 433 staff have been hired in hard-to-fill positions, new corrections officers hiring numbers have increased by 85%, and 194 staff have submitted referrals. Funding for new hire and referral incentives is expected to cover costs of approximately \$1,750,000, projected through the end of the calendar year.

Overtime Shift Bonus

ARP funding for overtime shift bonuses in the amount of \$1,100,000 was approved and received by the DOC in February 2022. Those funds have now been depleted. This incentive provides a bonus for volunteering to work an overtime shift at the rate of \$100 for an OT shift of 4+ hours and \$50 for an OT shift of less than 4 hours. Funding for the overtime shift bonus is expected to cover costs of approximately \$3,150,000, projected through the end of the calendar year.

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Department of Human Services, Andrea Simonett

**Title of Request:** Emergency Shelter Response Avivo Village

**Date:** 6/22/2022

**Request Amount:** \$ 1,800,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

In December 2020, Avivo, a nonprofit organization in Hennepin County, opened Avivo Village. The Avivo Village is a program built to support individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness along a pathway to securing permanent housing. The Avivo Village is a 100-bed emergency shelter that provides basic needs, storage, security, 24/7 staffing, and case management support services. Due to its physical layout (i.e., individual tiny homes), the Avivo Village model offers safer COVID-19 prevention than a traditional shelter. The target population is individuals, couples, and unaccompanied youth (18-24) with a disability, who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

These funds are needed to sustain shelter capacity at Avivo Village as federal COVID resources expire.

This proposal requests \$1.8 million to sustain Avivo Village operations through June 2023. The requested funds are part of a combination of public and private resources which includes \$1.8 million in support directly from Hennepin County. The state, in partnership with local government, philanthropy, and community partners, has kept COVID cases low among this vulnerable population partly by supporting innovative shelter models such as Avivo Village, which were built with a public health focus. Maintaining low case numbers in this population is vitally important as we know that people experiencing homelessness who become COVID-positive are at a much higher risk of hospitalization. Hospitalization rates are even higher for people experiencing homelessness who are living outdoors, making access to shelter a critical strategy to mitigate hospitalization, preserve health system capacity, and avoid adverse health outcomes and death. This proposal represents the use of funds prioritized and requested by Hennepin County. The Department of Human Services has authority to award these funds to Hennepin County under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.36.

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Neerja Singh - Department of Human Services

**Title of Request:** Mental Health Support for Children experiencing crisis

**Date:** 6/21/2022

**Request Amount:** \$ 2,500,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

The health-care system across the State is experiencing significant disruption in terms of providing timely services to children and youth with complex mental health needs. Hospitals are overwhelmed especially when they have to keep the children who do not need the hospital level of care but have no options available for lower level of care.

A recent report done by Kare 11 (May 16, 2022) on M Health Fairview hospital indicated that more than two-thirds of the children arriving at the hospital who did not need medical care were under the care of counties or group home. The report indicates that since September of 2021, the hospital has seen over 145 patients in that group, with each spending an average of 15 days (the longest being 97 days). With the pandemic and racial inequities, children with complex mental health needs have experienced significant disruptions in their support systems, leading to challenges never imagined before. Children experiencing complex mental health crises during COVID are uniquely impacted as they experienced this crisis during sensitive periods of their physical, social and psychological development. DHS data warehouse numbers indicate that in 2021 there were 6,762 individuals under the age of 18 treated for mental health emergencies.

Children's Residential Facilities(CRFs) in the State can be a viable source of treatment for these children but a lot of providers are forced to reduce their capacity due to COVID related factors, including but not limited to staff turnover, workforce shortages, and underpayment of front line staff. In addition, providers and families are overwhelmed with the complexities of the mental health needs children are manifesting at this time leading to the need for specialized training, higher reimbursement and specialized care models. Over the course of last 3 years more than 5 residential facilities for children in Minnesota have closed their operations, but the need continues to grow. A survey conducted by DHS with hospital administrators across the State in May 2022, cited lack of lower level of mental health placement options in more than 80% of the cases when hospitals are unable to discharge children from emergency departments.

Based on our consultations with stakeholders, our request is as follows:

\$2.5 million in one-time grant funding for Children Residential Facility (CRF) Providers to provide care to children with complex needs. This funds providers who are willing and demonstrate the ability to meet the needs of the children and youth including but not limited to moving children from hospital level of care. DHS will develop the criterion for issuance of these grants and track the number of children who will be supported through this grant along with the outcomes. The expenditure time period will start July 1, 2022.

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American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form

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Agency/Point of Contact: Minnesota Department of Education, Stephanie Graff

Title of Request: Grow Your Own Grant Program

Date: 6/22/2022 Request Amount: \$ 1,500,000

Expenditure Time Period: 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

Brief Summary of Request: (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

MDE recommends funding for grants to school districts and charter schools to fund Grow Your Own programs that will diversify the educator workforce. Grantees will use funds to provide scholarships or stipends for adults to pursue a teaching license or for secondary students to explore teaching careers. This will have a specific focus on students and adults of color and American Indian students and adults.

Increasing the diversity of educators in the classroom benefits all students, especially those from historically marginalized populations, who often do not see educators who look like them during their time in school. Some GYO programs assist adults who are interested in entering the teaching profession by providing stipends, scholarships, unique student teaching or field placement experiences, and other options to help them in pursuing a career in education. In addition, many GYO programs create opportunities to help secondary students explore teaching as a profession through Introduction to Education courses, future educator clubs, and other activities that help them see teaching as a promising career field after they have completed their postsecondary education.

MDE will administer the program and award new grants or supplement or replace Grow Your Own funds under agreements with the current 22 grants under the existing state-funded program (\$6.4 million). Current grants range from \$289,000 to \$728,000, with the average being \$584,000. Any resulting state funds made available under this structure would be used for a future Grow Your Own competitive grant process.

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Department of Administration

**Title of Request:** Parking and Transit Revenue Shortfall

**Date:** 6/22/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 1,388,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 6/22/2022 **to** 6/30/2023

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

The Department of Administration's (Admin) Parking and Transit Program is user-financed; expenses for parking facilities on the Capitol Complex are funded by user fees paid by state employees who contract to park and users of state parking meters. This request will fund maintenance, repairs, utilities, supplies, fees, and subsystem costs necessary for the continued operation of state parking facilities.

There has been a 25 percent decline in the number of parking contracts as well as a 75 percent decrease in parking meter revenue since the start of the pandemic. Admin has worked to control the expenses in this account through salary reductions, postponing repairs and general maintenance, and minimizing overtime expenses associated with snow and ice control; however, additional financial assistance is still needed in order for this account to pay ongoing operating expenses. Funding for this program is critical to the continuation of government operations as upkeep of parking facilities and transit program help to ensure that employees are able to access their workspaces and visitors can access government facilities.

\$1.388 million in expenditures from this allocation will be contingent upon sufficient receipt of funds returned to the state resulting from the cots-sharing provisions identified in hospital contracts and additional underspending that occurred from the MDH Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool - Hospital Supplemental Staffing allocation approved on January 15, 2022 under LCRC Action Order #11.

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## American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Department of Administration

**Title of Request:** All Agencies COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Costs

**Date:** 6/22/2022

**Request Amount:** \$ 1,953,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 3/4/2021 to 6/30/2023

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

Minnesota amended its workers' compensation laws, adding a presumption for certain occupations that COVID-19 was deemed a presumptive occupational disease and covered under workers' compensation laws for illnesses that occur prior to December 31, 2021. That presumption was extended in Laws of 2022, Chapter 32, Article 3 which extended the presumption for the period February 3, 2022 to January 13, 2023. In addition there has been an increase in the number and severity of workers compensation claims covered under the COVID-19 presumption. This request seeks additional funds that allow for payment of workers' compensation claims for the occupations that are covered by this law.

Occupations covered include licensed peace officers, firefighters, paramedics or emergency medical technicians, nurses or health care providers, assistive employees in health care settings and corrections officers. Included in this claim are occupations with job titles that might not appear to fit the general description above. For example, in Corrections there are occupations that involve direct inmate supervision; these are considered corrections officers for purposes of applying the law.

State agencies with employees covered under the COVID-19 presumption are Corrections, Human Services, Natural Resources, Public Safety and the Minnesota Veterans Homes. These funds allow Admin to pay claims directly when they meet the requirements of the law. This simplifies claim processing and limits the number of transactions required.

Admin previously requested and received \$3,925,000 in ARP - SFRF funds for this purpose. The amount requested was based on claims experience at that time and under the assumption that the presumption would end on December 31, 2021. With this extension and changes in claims experience, additional amounts are needed to pay claims now covered by the presumption. Based on average claims experience, Admin expects and additional \$953K in claims for FY 22 as a result of the presumption extension under Chapter 32 and an additional \$1M for recent changes in claims experience, which has increased number and severity of workers compensation claims covered under the COVID-19 presumption, for a total of \$1.953M.

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** DNR/Bob Meier

**Title of Request:** DNR Enforcement--Public Safety Response, State Capitol Complex

**Date:** 6/23/2022

**Request Amount:** \$ 1,730,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

Since 2020, there has been an increase in both peaceful protest and civil disturbance in Minnesota. This activity places increased demands on law enforcement resources to ensure public safety and, as necessary, address criminal behavior. This request is to address the deficiency of the Minnesota DNR Enforcement Division budget due to conservation officer response to these events in the FY22-23 biennium. This proposal provides \$1.730 million for public safety response. These funds will be used to pay for salaries, lodging, meals and supplies when conservation officers respond to requests for assistance.

DNR conservation officers are licensed peace officers whose overall mission, like all law enforcement personnel, is protecting public safety. Their regular responsibilities revolve around the protection of Minnesota's natural resources and the safety of the people who use them. In that role, they focus on fish and game protection, education, and enforcement; recreational safety and enforcement; and natural resources protection.

Conservation officers are part of the statewide fabric of law enforcement and assist their state and local partners when called upon. Such requests for assistance have been frequent since late spring 2020. The potential for additional protests and unrest remains, and threats to government buildings continue. DNR conservation officers continue to assist the State Patrol in their responsibility for ensuring the safety of the Capitol complex.

\$1.730 million in expenditures from this allocation will be contingent upon sufficient receipt of funds returned to the state resulting from the cost-sharing provisions identified in hospital contracts and additional underspending that occurred from the MDH Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool - Hospital Supplemental Staffing allocation approved on January 15, 2022 under LCRC Action Order #11.

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American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form

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Agency/Point of Contact: Public Safety - Minnesota State Patrol, Colonel Matt Langer

Title of Request: State Patrol Civil Unrest Deficiency

Date: 6/22/2022 Request Amount: \$ 2,205,214

Expenditure Time Period: 8/1/2021 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

Brief Summary of Request: (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

The Department of Public Safety - State Patrol requests \$2,205,214 to pay for costs associated with maintaining safety and security for large-scale events and protests in fiscal year 2022 that exceed the State Patrol's budget.

The State Patrol is responsible for the safety and security of the Capitol Complex and Governor's Residence, and has resources to respond to civil unrest and large-scale events across the state. In fiscal year 2022 the State Patrol dedicated significant resources to deploy its Mobile Response Team and additional troopers for 14 events on and off the Capitol complex. These costs were above its base budget and were necessary to ensure the safety and security of the public, all those in attendance, and prevent the destruction of property. These events spanned between 1 to 15 days and the cost varied from just a few thousand to more than \$1 million.

\$1.132 million in expenditures from this allocation will be contingent upon sufficient receipt of funds returned to the state resulting from the cost-sharing provisions identified in hospital contracts and additional underspending that occurred from the MDH Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool - Hospital Supplemental Staffing allocation approved on January 15, 2022 under LCRC Action Order #11.

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**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State  
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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Public Safety - Assistant Commissioner Thomas Smith

**Title of Request:** Safe Storage of Firearms - Gun Locks and Campaign

**Date:** 6/22/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 1,000,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 6/22/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) requests \$1,000,000 to develop a statewide advertising campaign on the safe storage of guns in the home. Safely storing guns can help prevent accidental discharges, firearm related injuries, and firearm theft. The goal of this campaign is to educate and motivate people to safely secure the firearms they keep at home, and how to do it (e.g. removing firearms from unattended vehicles and storing ammunition separately).

This campaign will also include providing free cable gun locks across the state. This type of gun lock is relatively inexpensive and can be used on handguns, rifles, and shotguns. DPS will distribute these guns locks at events we will attend during the upcoming year, like the State Fair and other community events across the metro and greater MN. We can also work with other State agencies and local law enforcement organizations to help ensure these locks are available across the state.

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**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form**

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Cynthia MacDonald, Department of Human Services

**Title of Request:** Health Insurance Navigator Grants

**Date:** 6/30/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 370,166

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

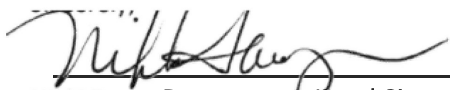
**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

The Department of Human Services (DHS), in cooperation with the Departments of Health and MNSure, request \$370,166 in American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Funds to support navigator organizations that will play an essential role in helping Minnesota Health Care Programs' enrollees with the renewal process, particularly enrollees with limited English proficiency and in BIPOC communities. The COVID-19 pandemic had a disparate impact on those populations. The funds will be expended between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

Throughout the federal Public Health Emergency, DHS received an enhanced FMAP of 6.2 percent to help with costs related to the pandemic. To qualify for the enhanced FMAP, DHS has maintained continuous coverage for Minnesotans who rely on Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, pausing most eligibility checks, including annual renewals, and coverage closures. The pandemic has had an enormous negative impact on low-income households, and record numbers of Minnesotans are enrolled in coverage in Minnesota's public health care programs. When the federal emergency ends, DHS must resume and complete renewals for the entire caseload for each of these 1.4 million Minnesotans within 12 months. This will create the biggest challenge to health care coverage in the state since implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Navigators will be critical partners in helping keep eligible Minnesotans covered during the post- COVID emergency "unwinding" of continuous coverage and the resumption of annual eligibility renewals for MHCP enrollees. Navigators are trusted community organizations that not only help individuals with applying for and enrolling in coverage, but also assist enrollees with annual renewals, reporting changes, and post-enrollment questions about accessing care. Many navigator organizations have staff who can speak different languages and who are active community members who work to increase awareness of health care options for the uninsured.

Navigators are paid per enrollment, via grant funds, in order to ensure that free assistance is available to all Minnesotans. While continuous enrollment during the PHE has been beneficial to enrollees, navigator organizations have been hit particularly hard because of their payment structure; more people maintaining coverage has resulted in decreased applications, which has impacted navigator organization funding negatively. DHS will use this funding to support navigator organizations in continuing to provide much needed assistance to underserved Minnesotans. Potential uses include, but are not limited to increased funding for navigator application and renewal assistance and grants to navigator organizations to maintain staffing and infrastructure.

  
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