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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 Oct. 31, 2022, Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission authorizations total \$383 million. Additionally, \$41.2 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 Oct. 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 Oct. 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*	16,200	3,406
LCRC-2	8/6/2021	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	13,800	8,684
LCRC-3	9/3/2021	Zoo	Continued Operations	11,495	10,574
LCRC-4	9/3/2021	DEED	Science Museum Operations	3,798	3,798
LCRC-5	9/3/2021	ADM	State Parking Facilities	3,000	1,659
LCRC-6	9/3/2021	ADM	Enterprise Planning	4,000	885
LCRC-7	9/3/2021	ADM	Workers Compensation	3,175	3,175
LCRC-8	9/3/2021	OHE	Workforce Stabilization*	33,500	13,241
LCRC-9	9/3/2021	MDE	Education Partnerships	4,000	1,262
LCRC-10	9/3/2021	MDE	Pandemic Enrollment Aid	29,191	12,428
LCRC-11	9/3/2021	DHS	Sheltering I	10,000	5,501
LCRC-12	9/28/2021	MJB	Courts Backlog	9,961	6,277
LCRC-13	9/28/2021	BPD	Public Defense Backlog	3,945	1,732

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended
LCRC-14	9/28/2021	DHS	Sheltering II	15,000	339
LCRC-15	10/18/2021	MDH	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives*	6,040	6,040
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	1,157
LCRC-18	11/16/2021	MHFA	Exhausted Benefits*	5,000	4,500
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	146
LCRC-21	12/14/2021	OHE	Nursing Assistant Initiative	3,425	2,228
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	2,066
LCRC-24	12/28/2021	DHS	Food Support Grants	14,000	11,481
LCRC-25	12/28/2021	MDA	Expanded Meal Access	3,000	874
LCRC-26	12/28/2021	MDA	Hunger Relief	3,000	2,165
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	19,788
LCRC-29	1/15/2022	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing Hospitals*	25,127	24,508
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	307
LCRC-34	6/30/2022	DHS	ISD MH Innovation Grant Program	4,400	-
LCRC-35	6/30/2022	MMB	ERP Systems**	4,653	-
LCRC-36	6/30/2022	DOC	Staffing Crisis Management via Incentives	4,900	1,673

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

\*\*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	132
MMB-4	8/30/2021	MDE	Girl Scouts ConnectZ	1,000	5
MMB-5	9/10/2021	MMB	State Employee Testing*	934	934
MMB-6	9/17/2021	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability*	1,583	753
MMB-7	9/17/2021	GOV	COVID-19 Response Staffing	900	575
MMB-8	10/13/2021	MNsure	ARPA Systems Implementation	1,969	1,360
MMB-9	10/18/2021	MDE	Early Learning	1,500	255
MMB-10	10/18/2021	MDE	Expanded Life Skills	1,000	-
MMB-11	10/27/2021	MDH	Emergency Staff Hospital Decompression*	125	65
MMB-12	11/10/2021	MDHR	Enhanced COVID-19 Response	500	92
MMB-13	11/22/2021	OHE	Workforce Stabilization Grants Admin	1,500	635
MMB-14	11/24/2021	DMA	Emergency Training Costs*	883	883
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	40
MMB-19	12/23/2021	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, II	750	414
MMB-20	12/23/2021	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership*	133	-
MMB-21	12/23/2021	MMB	Single Audit	75	55
MMB-22	12/23/2021	Met C.	Study COVID Using Wastewater Data	600	162
MMB-23	1/26/2022	DOC	Staff Overtime Bonus Pay	1,100	1,099
MMB-24	1/26/2022	MDE	Staff Support Package	754	298
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	121
MMB-28	4/26/2022	DPS	State Patrol Aviation Support	1,000	352
MMB-29	4/26/2022	DPS	Survivor Support Grants*	1,813	259
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	31
MMB-33	6/28/2022	ADM	Parking and Transit, II**	1,358	205

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**	1,730	-
MMB-36	6/28/2022	DPS	State Patrol Deficiency**	2,205	2,205
MMB-37	6/28/2022	DPS	Gun Safety	1,000	222
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 Oct. 31, 2022

(\$ in thousands)

Initial Fund Balance	Authorized	Remaining Unauthorized	Expended	Committed	Uncommitted
\$ 425,000	\$ 424,208	\$ 792	\$ 245,699	\$ 77,624	\$ 100,884

### COVID-19 Flexible Response Account Detail

(\$ in thousands)

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LCRC-1	DPS	Violence Prevention Grants*	16,200	3,406	11,999
LCRC-2	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	13,800	8,684	3,796
LCRC-3	Zoo	Continued Operations	11,495	10,574	-
LCRC-4	DEED	Science Museum	3,798	3,798	-
LCRC-5	Admin	State Parking Facilities	3,000	1,659	1,336
LCRC-6	Admin	Enterprise Planning	4,000	885	1,103
LCRC-7	Admin	Workers Compensation	3,175	3,175	-
LCRC-8	OHE	Workforce Stabilization*	33,500	13,241	3,143
LCRC-9	MDE	Education Partnerships	4,000	1,262	2,444
LCRC-10	MDE	Pandemic Enrollment	29,191	12,428	-
LCRC-11	DHS	Sheltering I	10,000	5,501	4,499

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
LCRC-12	MJB	Courts Backlog	9,961	6,277	8
LCRC-13	BPD	Public Defense Backlog	3,945	1,732	570
LCRC-14	DHS	Sheltering II	15,000	339	8,586
LCRC-15	MDH	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives*	6,040	6,040	-
LCRC-16	MHFA	Emergency Rental Assistance Admin	7,000	7,000	-
LCRC-17	AGO	COVID-19 Residual Work	3,571	1,157	-
LCRC-18	MHFA	Exhausted Benefits*	5,000	4,500	2
LCRC-19	DHS	Emergency Nursing Facility Grants*	49,900	49,900	-
LCRC-20	DHS	Transition Children in Crisis	2,860	146	1,921
LCRC-21	OHE	Nursing Assistant Initiative	3,425	2,228	1,197
LCRC-22	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, II	2,510	2,510	-
LCRC-23	MDH	COVID Response Staffing	4,500	2,066	376
LCRC-24	DHS	Food Support Grants	14,000	11,481	1,519
LCRC-25	MDA	Expanded Meal Access	3,000	874	2,122
LCRC-26	MDA	Hunger Relief	3,000	2,165	832
LCRC-27	DHS	Child Care Stabilization*	19,969	19,969	-
LCRC-28	MDH	Rapid At Home Testing Program, III	40,000	19,788	12,331

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LCRC-29	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing Hospitals*	25,127	24,508	619
LCRC-30	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing LTC Fac.*	-	-	-
LCRC-31	DHS	Ramsey County Shelter	6,000	-	6,000
LCRC-32	DHS	Child Care Basic Sliding Fee Waitlist	7,000	-	-
LCRC-33	DHS	Food Support, II	5,100	307	4,693
LCRC-34	DHS	ISD MH Innovation Grant Program	4,400	-	-
LCRC-35	MMB	ERP Systems**	4,653	-	-
LCRC-36	DOC	Staffing Crisis Management via Incentives	4,900	1,673	-
MMB-1	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	2,500	2,500	-
MMB-2	DNR	Timber Permit Relief*	353	353	-
MMB-3	ADM	Small Business Development	960	132	-
MMB-4	MDE	Girl Scouts ConnectZ	1,000	5	671
MMB-5	MMB	State Employee Testing*	934	934	-
MMB-6	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability*	1,583	753	-
MMB-7	GOV	COVID-19 Response Staffing	900	575	-
MMB-8	MNsure	ARPA Systems Implementation	1,969	1,360	464
MMB-9	MDE	Early Learning	1,500	255	1,208

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
MMB-10	MDE	Expanded Life Skills	1,000	-	950
MMB-11	MDH	Emergency Staff – Hospital Decompression*	125	65	60
MMB-12	MDHR	Enhanced COVID-19 Response	500	92	166
MMB-13	OHE	Workforce Stabilization Grants Admin	1,500	635	98
MMB-14	DMA	Emergency Training Costs*	883	883	-
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	40	160
MMB-19	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, II	750	414	-
MMB-20	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership*	133	-	-
MMB-21	MMB	Single Audit	75	55	-
MMB-22	Met C.	Study COVID Using Wastewater Data	600	162	438
MMB-23	DOC	Staff Overtime Bonus Pay	1,100	1,099	-
MMB-24	MDE	Staff Support Package	754	298	82
MMB-25	DLI	Frontline Worker Pay IT Solution	100	100	-
MMB-26	ADM	N95 and KN95 Masks*	650	-	379

Request #	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended	Committed
MMB-27	DPS	BCA Efforts to Combat Violence Crime	1,000	121	-
MMB-28	DPS	State Patrol Aviation Support	1,000	352	5
MMB-29	DPS	Survivor Support Grants*	1,813	259	1,553
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	31	1,210
MMB-33	ADM	Parking and Transit, II**	1,358	205	355
MMB-34	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, III	1,953	-	-
MMB-35	DNR	Public Safety Response**	1,730	-	13
MMB-36	DPS	State Patrol Deficiency**	2,205	2,205	-
MMB-37	DPS	Gun Safety	1,000	222	716
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-1	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	(\$ 14,873)	\$ 25,127
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

Request #	Agency	Description	Original Authorization	Cancellation Amount	Authorized
MMB-14	DMA	Emergency Training Costs	\$ 1,675	(\$ 792)	\$ 883
MMB-17	MDH	Crisis Care Coordination Center	\$ 1,280	(\$ 1,280)	-
MMB-20	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership	\$ 544	(\$ 411)	\$ 133
MMB-26	ADM	N95 and KN95 Masks	\$1,000	(\$ 350)	\$ 650
MMB-29	DPS	Survivor Support Grants	\$ 2,000	(\$ 187)	\$ 1,813

## **Appendix C: Request Forms**

No items were authorized in Oct. 2022.

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