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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 Apr. 30, 2023, Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission authorizations total \$382.5 million. Additionally, \$40.8 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 Apr. 30, 2023. 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 Apr. 30, 2023. 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	\$9,702
LCRC-2	8/6/2021	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	\$13,800	\$9,336
LCRC-3	9/3/2021	Zoo	Continued Operations	\$11,495	\$11,495
LCRC-4	9/3/2021	DEED	Science Museum Operations	\$3,798	\$3,798
LCRC-5	9/3/2021	ADM	State Parking Facilities	\$3,000	\$2,887
LCRC-6	9/3/2021	ADM	Enterprise Planning	\$4,000	\$1,384
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	\$2,247
LCRC-10	9/3/2021	MDE	Pandemic Enrollment Aid	\$29,191	\$18,307
LCRC-11	9/3/2021	DHS	Sheltering I	\$10,000	\$7,697
LCRC-12	9/28/2021	MJB	Courts Backlog	\$9,961	\$8,737
LCRC-13	9/28/2021	BPD	Public Defense Backlog	\$3,945	\$3,547

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Authorized	Expended
LCRC-14	9/28/2021	DHS	Sheltering II	\$15,000	\$4,912
LCRC-15	10/18/2021	MDH	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives*	\$5,539	\$5,539
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	\$2,273
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	\$1,893
LCRC-21	12/14/2021	OHE	Nursing Assistant Initiative	\$3,425	\$2,820
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	\$3,208
LCRC-24	12/28/2021	DHS	Food Support Grants	\$14,000	\$12,111
LCRC-25	12/28/2021	MDA	Expanded Meal Access	\$3,000	\$2,058
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	\$24,595
LCRC-29	1/15/2022	MDH	Emergency Temp. Staffing Hospitals*	\$24,923	\$24,304
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	\$2,433
LCRC-32	6/30/2022	DHS	Child Care Basic Sliding Fee Waitlist	\$7,000	\$7,000
LCRC-33	6/30/2022	DHS	Food Support, II	\$5,100	\$3,080
LCRC-34	6/30/2022	DHS	ISD MH Innovation Grant Program	\$4,400	\$1,101
LCRC-35	6/30/2022	MMB	ERP Systems**	\$4,857	\$622
LCRC-36	6/30/2022	DOC	Staffing Crisis Management via Incentives	\$4,900	\$4,585

\*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	\$392
MMB-4	8/30/2021	MDE	Girl Scouts ConnectZ	\$1,000	\$297
MMB-5	9/10/2021	MMB	State Employee Testing*	\$934	\$934
MMB-6	9/17/2021	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability*	\$1,583	\$1,023
MMB-7	9/17/2021	GOV	COVID-19 Response Staffing	\$900	\$856
MMB-8	10/13/2021	MNsure	ARPA Systems Implementation	\$1,969	\$1,584
MMB-9	10/18/2021	MDE	Early Learning	\$1,500	\$306
MMB-10	10/18/2021	MDE	Expanded Life Skills	\$1,000	\$300
MMB-11	10/27/2021	MDH	Emergency Staff Hospital Decompression*	\$125	\$65
MMB-12	11/10/2021	MDHR	Enhanced COVID-19 Response	\$500	\$297
MMB-13	11/22/2021	OHE	Workforce Stabilization Grants Admin	\$1,500	\$753
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*	\$-	\$-

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	\$152
MMB-19	12/23/2021	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, II	\$750	\$750
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	\$327
MMB-23	1/26/2022	DOC	Staff Overtime Bonus Pay*	\$1,099	\$1,099
MMB-24	1/26/2022	MDE	Staff Support Package	\$754	\$346
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	\$306
MMB-28	4/26/2022	DPS	State Patrol Aviation Support	\$1,000	\$622
MMB-29	4/26/2022	DPS	Survivor Support Grants*	\$1,813	\$1,039
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	\$304
MMB-32	6/28/2022	MDE	Grow Your Own	\$1,500	\$131
MMB-33	6/28/2022	ADM	Parking and Transit, II**	\$1,358	\$1,251

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MMB-34	6/28/2022	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, III	\$1,953	\$1,665
MMB-35	6/28/2022	DNR	Public Safety Response**	\$1,730	\$936
MMB-36	6/28/2022	DPS	State Patrol Deficiency**	\$2,205	\$2,205
MMB-37	6/28/2022	DPS	Gun Safety	\$1,000	\$330
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 Apr. 30, 2023

(\$ in thousands)

Initial Fund Balance	Authorized	Remaining Unauthorized	Expended	Committed	Uncommitted
\$ 425,000	\$ 423,306	\$ 1,694	\$ 308,613	\$ 56,607	\$ 58,086

### COVID-19 Flexible Response Account Detail

(\$ in thousands)

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LCRC-2	MDH	Vaccine Incentives	\$13,800	\$9,336	\$3,582
LCRC-3	Zoo	Continued Operations	\$11,495	\$11,495	\$-
LCRC-4	DEED	Science Museum	\$3,798	\$3,798	\$-
LCRC-5	Admin	State Parking Facilities	\$3,000	\$2,887	\$111
LCRC-6	Admin	Enterprise Planning	\$4,000	\$1,384	\$1,191
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	\$2,247	\$1,648
LCRC-10	MDE	Pandemic Enrollment	\$29,191	\$18,307	\$-
LCRC-11	DHS	Sheltering I	\$10,000	\$7,697	\$2,303

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LCRC-12	MJB	Courts Backlog	\$9,961	\$8,737	\$8
LCRC-13	BPD	Public Defense Backlog	\$3,945	\$3,547	\$227
LCRC-14	DHS	Sheltering II	\$15,000	\$4,912	\$10,088
LCRC-15	MDH	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives*	\$5,539	\$5,539	\$-
LCRC-16	MHFA	Emergency Rental Assistance Admin	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$-
LCRC-17	AGO	COVID-19 Residual Work	\$3,571	\$2,273	\$25
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	\$1,893	\$175
LCRC-21	OHE	Nursing Assistant Initiative	\$3,425	\$2,820	\$605
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LCRC-24	DHS	Food Support Grants	\$14,000	\$12,111	\$1,675
LCRC-25	MDA	Expanded Meal Access	\$3,000	\$2,058	\$938
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	\$24,595	\$2,645

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LCRC-31	DHS	Ramsey County Shelter	\$6,000	\$2,433	\$3,567
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MMB-6	MMB	COVID-19 Response Accountability*	\$1,583	\$1,023	\$-
MMB-7	GOV	COVID-19 Response Staffing	\$900	\$856	\$-
MMB-8	MNsure	ARPA Systems Implementation	\$1,969	\$1,584	\$274
MMB-9	MDE	Early Learning	\$1,500	\$306	\$1,163

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MMB-12	MDHR	Enhanced COVID-19 Response	\$500	\$297	\$182
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MMB-24	MDE	Staff Support Package	\$754	\$346	\$57
MMB-25	DLI	Frontline Worker Pay IT Solution	\$100	\$100	\$-
MMB-26	ADM	N95 and KN95 Masks*	\$650	\$-	\$650

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MMB-27	DPS	BCA Efforts to Combat Violence Crime	\$1,000	\$306	\$297
MMB-28	DPS	State Patrol Aviation Support	\$1,000	\$622	\$64
MMB-29	DPS	Survivor Support Grants*	\$1,813	\$1,039	\$773
MMB-30	DHS	Hennepin County Shelter	\$1,800	\$-	\$1,800
MMB-31	DHS	MH Support for Children Experiencing Crisis	\$2,500	\$304	\$2,178
MMB-32	MDE	Grow Your Own	\$1,500	\$131	\$1,110
MMB-33	ADM	Parking and Transit, II**	\$1,358	\$1,251	\$116
MMB-34	ADM	Workers' Compensation Costs, III	\$1,953	\$1,665	\$-
MMB-35	DNR	Public Safety Response**	\$1,730	\$936	\$129
MMB-36	DPS	State Patrol Deficiency**	\$2,205	\$2,205	\$-
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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	Child & Youth Vaccine Incentives	\$ 12,200	(\$ 6,661)	\$ 5,539
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	(\$ 15,077)	\$ 24,923
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-16	MDH	COVID Antiviral Distribution	\$ 400	(\$ 400)	-
MMB-17	MDH	Crisis Care Coordination Center	\$ 1,280	(\$ 1,280)	-
MMB-20	MMB	Increased Capacity for Ent. Leadership	\$ 544	(\$ 411)	\$ 133
MMB-23	DOC	Staff Overtime Bonus Pay	1,100	(1)	1,099
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 Apr. 2023.

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