



Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission – Action Order #14 COVID-19 Minnesota Fund – FY 2020

The Minnesota Legislature created the COVID-19 Minnesota Fund and appropriated money in the fund to the commissioner of management and budget to disburse or transfer to state agencies as necessary to protect Minnesotans from the COVID-19 outbreak and maintain state government operations throughout the duration of the peacetime emergency declared by the governor in executive order 20-01.

Pursuant to Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 71, Section 7, Sub 2(b), the commissioner of management and budget must submit proposed single expenditures from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund that exceed \$1,000,000 to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission. Upon submission of the request, the commission has 24 hours to make a positive recommendation, a negative recommendation, or no recommendation on a proposed expenditure.

If a majority of members from the senate and a majority of members from the house of representatives make 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 members from the house of representatives make a positive recommendation or no recommendation, the commissioner may expend the money.

On **May 9, 2020**, the commissioner submitted the following proposed expenditure request:

- ***Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$21.55 million for gowns and/or flexible spending for critical care supplies.***

The requisite number of commission members having provided a positive recommendation, I hereby authorize \$21,550,000 from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund to the Minnesota Department Health to purchase an estimated 3,000,000 gowns. In the event that we do not act quickly enough to secure this deal, or we can only secure a lesser quantity of gowns, then the remaining amount of this request will be added to LCRC authorization #8 for discretionary spending for critical care supplies.

May 9, 2020

DATE

Myron Frans, Commissioner