

Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission – Action Order #21 COVID-19 Minnesota Fund – FY 2021

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 **September 25, 2020**, the commissioner submitted the following proposed expenditure request:

 Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$2 million for additional homeless winter shelter in a COVID responsive model and to reduce LCRC Action Order #15 from \$7.2 million to \$1.632 million for Isolation Space for People Experiencing Homelessness.

The requisite number of commission members having provided a positive recommendation, I hereby authorize \$2,000,000 from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund to the Minnesota Department of Human Services for Homeless COVID Response - Winter Shelter Capacity and reduce LCRC Action Order #15 to \$1,632,000.

September 28, 2020	Jan Schoneffer
Date	Jim Schowalter, Commissioner