

Memo

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From: Commissioner Erin Campbell

EC

RE: Disaster Assistance Contingency Account Transfers and Payments

The purpose of this memo is to provide information about the current balance of the disaster assistance contingency account, transfers to the disaster assistance contingency account from unused disaster appropriations and payments made from the disaster assistance contingency account in calendar year 2023, in accordance with the requirements under M.S. 16A.28 subd. 9 and M.S. 12.221 subd. 6.

Current Disaster Assistance Contingency Account Balance

As of January 1, 2024, the unencumbered available balance in the disaster assistance contingency account was \$30,288,834.

Transfers to the Disaster Assistance Contingency Account

The Disaster Assistance Contingency Account was last replenished in calendar year 2023 when \$40,000,000 was transferred from the general fund to the disaster assistance contingency account as directed by 2023 Session, Chapter 26, Section 1.

During calendar year 2023, 20 transfers from 20 disaster appropriations totaling \$1,223,978 were made to the disaster assistance contingency account in accordance with M.S. 16A.28 subd. 9 and M.S. 12.221 subd. 6. Individual amounts that comprise these totals can be provided by written request.

Calendar Year 2023 Expenditures

The table below details spending from the disaster assistance contingency account in calendar year 2023 in accordance with the requirement under M.S. 12.221 subd.6(d). A total of \$18,717,719 has been allocated in 2023 for federal and state declared disasters. Of that amount and previous years' transfers, \$17,223,661 was expended in 2023.

The reason for the difference between the amounts transferred for specific disasters and the actual spending is cycle time. The typical fiscal life cycle for a state disaster, from declaration to closeout, is 18 months, and 72 months for a federal disaster. Once the Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) determines the amount to be spent on each event, they establish a specific disaster sub-appropriation and transfer the necessary amount from the disaster assistance contingency account. The amount transferred from the disaster account for each declared disaster is based on formal, on-the-ground, documented damage assessments and is not a general estimate. The figures are generally more accurate for state disasters, which are much easier to budget for because of their more limited scope and minimal changes to the project worksheets. The practice of establishing a separate appropriation for each disaster and setting aside the amount needed to pay the state's obligation gives a clearer picture of the progress towards closing out each disaster and knowing how much funding is available for future events.

The table below shows the disasters that received funds from the disaster assistance contingency account in calendar year 2023. Incidents named with an "SD" are state declared disasters and incidents named with a "DR" are federally declared disasters. Preliminary damage assessments include both state and non-state responsibilities.

Table 1: CY 2023 Disaster Assistance Contingency Account Transfers and Payments

Incident Name	Incident Date(s)	County/Tribe – Description (Preliminary Damage Assessment)	Transfers	Expenditures
SD-074	April 11-April 30, 2023	Cass, Itasca, Lyon, Polk, Ramsey, Redwood, and Washington Counties (Applicants who did not meet threshold for DR-4722) – Severe storms and flooding (\$3,271,250)	\$2,453,438	\$0

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DR-4722	April 11-April 30, 2023	Aitkin, Big Stone, Carlton, Chippewa, Clay, Grant, Houston, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Pine, Pope, Renville, Roseau, Saint Louis, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wabasha, Wilkin, and the Prairie Island Indian Community – Severe storms and flooding (\$10,591,127)	\$2,647,782	\$361,620
SD-073	June 25-June 26, 2023	Kandiyohi, Pope, Stevens – Severe storms and high winds (\$374,680)	\$281,010	\$0
SD-072	May 11, 2023	Brown, Cottonwood, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan – Significant rain, flooding (\$1,135,280)	\$876,460	\$0
SD-071	March 31-April 1, 2023	Washington – Several winter ice, snowstorm (\$1,559,100)	\$1,253,760	\$0
SD-070	December 13-16, 2023	Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Lincoln, Pine, St. Louis – Heavy snowstorm, high winds (\$4,447,060)	\$5,391,285	\$5,412
SD-069	November 10, 2022	St. Louis – severe thunderstorm with gale force winds that damaged shoreline infrastructure. (\$667,680)	\$534,160	\$0
SD-068	August 24, 2022	Houston – severe thunderstorms and flooding with heavy rains, large hail, and damaging winds. (\$117,434)	\$0	\$72,295
SD-067	July 23, 2022	Houston and Renville – severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, tornadoes, heavy rains and flooding. (\$408,269)	\$28,714	\$156,626
SD-066	June 20-24, 2022	Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Itasca, Lac qui Parle, Morrison, Norman, St. Louis and Todd – severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, heavy rains, and flooding. (\$5,336,809)	\$69,449	\$1,098,705

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SD-065	April 22 – June 15, 2022	Becker – spring snowmelt and rain-induced riverine and lake flooding. (\$100,240)	\$11,290	\$86,926
SD-064	July 5, 2022	Freeborn, Rock, Cottonwood – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and flash flooding. (\$338,362)	\$53,729	\$275,759
SD-063	June 13, 2022	Cottonwood – Severe thunderstorm with heavy rains and flash flooding. (\$62,447)	\$3,322	\$46,724
DR-4666	May 29-30, 2022	Aitkin, Big Stone, Cass, Chippewa, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lyon, Nobles, Pine, Pope, Renville, Rock, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, and Yellow Medicine – severe thunderstorms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding. (\$11,436,000)	\$0	\$1,464,271
DR-4659	April 22 – June 15, 2022	Beltrami, Clearwater, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau and St. Louis counties and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation and White Earth Nation – spring snowmelt and rain-induced riverine and lake flooding. (\$24,436,000)	\$504,433	\$5,032,648
SD-062	May 8-13, 2022	Benton, Lyon, McLeod and Murray – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains, flash flooding, damaging winds, large hail, and tornadoes. Supplemental to DR-4658. (\$310,597)	\$140,799	\$285,667
DR-4658	May 8-13, 2022	Aitkin, Big Stone, Cass, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Morrison, Nobles, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin and Yellow Medicine – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains, flash flooding, damaging winds, large hail, and tornadoes. (\$14,472,000)	\$0	\$2,167,729

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SD-061	May 19, 2022	Winona – severe thunderstorm with heavy rain, flash flooding and slope failures. (\$173,000)	\$48,786	\$100,661
SD-060	April 12, 2022	Fillmore, Mower, Norman and Rice – severe thunderstorms that produced heavy rains, large hail, damaging winds, and several tornadoes. (\$1,362,511)	\$238,905	\$710,426
SD-059	March 17 – April 2, 2022	Big Stone, Stevens and Traverse – rapid spring snowmelt causing riverine and overland flooding. (\$267,071)	\$204,588	\$341,274
SD-058	December 15-16, 2021	Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, Wabasha – severe thunderstorms with multiple tornadoes, damaging winds, rain, sleet, ice and snow. (\$3,151,145)	\$526,306	\$1,596,149
SD-056	August 7, 2021	Houston – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and flash flooding. (\$211,727)	\$18,546	\$80,780
SD-055	July 23, 2021	Itasca – severe thunderstorm with damaging winds. (\$1,330,613)	\$39,208	\$152,617
SD-051	August 8, 2020	Goodhue and Yellow Medicine – severe thunderstorms with damaging winds and heavy rains (\$234,866)	\$5,218	\$5,218
SD-050	July 25 – 27, 2020	Nicollet, Renville, and Sibley – flooding and slope failures caused by heavy rains. (\$415,177)	\$43,351	\$72,075

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DR-4442	March 12 – April 28, 2019	Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Chippewa, Clay, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Grant, Houston, Jackson, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Mahnomen, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Norman, Olmsted, Pennington, Pipestone, Polk, Ramsey, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Roseau, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, Watonwan, Wilkin, Winona, and Yellow Medicine Counties and the Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Lake Band of Chippewa, Upper Sioux Community, and the White Earth Nation – severe spring weather with flooding, ice, and damaging winds. (\$101,736,000)	\$0	\$410,591
SD-034	July 16 – 20, 2019	Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Le Sueur, Wabasha, and Winona – severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, heavy rainfalls, and flooding. (\$2,060,361)	\$43,179	\$430,929
MN DOT FHWA ER Events	June 16, 2018- June 18, 2020	State cost share for federal assistance from the Federal Highway Administration emergency relief program for repair or construction of highways, roads, and trails, including Indian reservations that have suffered serious damage as a result of a natural disaster. This also includes federal funding from federal disaster designations DR4390 and DR4442, as well as a relevant Governor’s proclamation in 2020.	\$3,300,000	\$1,359,929
DR-4390	June 15 – July 11, 2018	Aitkin, Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Faribault, Itasca, Jackson, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pine, Pipestone, Polk, Redwood, Renville, Rock, St. Louis, Sibley, Watonwan, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation, White Earth Nation – Series of severe thunderstorms with heavy rains, flooding, damaging winds, and tornadoes. (\$21,755,330)	\$0	\$338,633

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DR-4182	June 11 – July 11, 2014	Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Hennepin, Jackson, Koochiching, Lac qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Le Sueur, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Roseau, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wadena, Waseca, Watonwan, Wright, Yellow Medicine, Bois Fort Band, Prairie Island Indian Community, and Red Lake Nation – severe storms, straight line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides. (\$30,370,144*)	\$0	\$569,998
Total:			\$18,717,719	\$17,223,661