

Memo

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From: Commissioner Erin Campbell



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 (DACA), transfers to the DACA from unused disaster appropriations and payments made from the disaster assistance contingency account in calendar year 2025, in accordance with the requirements under M.S. 12.221 subd. 6, M.S. 16A.286, and M.S. 16A.28 subd. 9.

Current Disaster Assistance Contingency Account Balance

As of January 1, 2026, the unencumbered available balance in the DACA was \$31,447,830.39.

Transfers to the Disaster Assistance Contingency Account

The DACA was last replenished in October 2025 when \$25,363,719.44 was transferred from the general fund to the account. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.286 requires the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to transfer from the general fund to the DACA the difference between \$50 million and the balance in the DACA at the end of the biennium if the general fund final closing balance for the biennium exceeds the projected ending balance at the end of the previous regular legislative session by at least \$50 million. The statute directs MMB to make this transfer by October 15 following the end of the previous biennium. The fiscal year 2025 closing balance in the general fund exceeded the projected closing balance at the end of the 2025 legislative session by at least \$50 million. The DACA balance was \$24,636,280.56 on June 30, 2025, and as a result, \$25,363,719.44 was transferred from the general fund to the account on October 15, 2025.

During calendar year 2025, three transfers from two disaster appropriations totaling \$31,550.74 were made to the DACA in accordance with M.S. 12.221 subd. 6. No transfers were made under M.S. 16A.28 subd. 9. Individual amounts that comprise these totals can be provided by written request.

Calendar Year 2025 Expenditures

The table below details spending from the DACA in calendar year 2025 in accordance with the requirement under M.S. 12.221 subd.6(d). A total of \$25,086,994 was allocated in 2025 for federal- and state-declared disasters. Of that amount and previous years' transfers, \$26,030,759 was expended in 2025.

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 2025. Incidents named with an "SD" are state declared disasters and incidents named with a "DR" are federally declared disasters.

Table 1: CY 2025 Disaster Assistance Contingency Account Transfers and Payments

Incident Name	Incident Date(s)	County/Tribe – Description (Preliminary Damage Assessment)	Transfers (\$)	Expenditures (\$)
SD-091	August 15 – 18, 2025	Lyon, Martin, and Traverse – Storms with strong winds and flooding. (\$359,345)	276,509	-
SD-090	August 8, 2025	Freeborn, Norman, and Red Lake – Storms with strong winds and flooding. (\$587,020)	452,265	-
SD-089	July 27 – 29, 2025	Big Stone, Fillmore, Houston, Kandiyohi, Pope, Steele, Stevens, Swift, and Traverse – Storms with winds and flooding. (\$3,770,265)	2,902,699	-
SD-088	July 18, 2025	Blue Earth and Lyon – Storms with winds and flooding. (\$971,080)	748,310	-

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SD-087	June 25 – 28, 2025	Big Stone, Houston, Lac Qui Parle, Renville, and Yellow Medicine – Heavy rains and flooding. (\$1,011,230)	778,423	-
SD-086	June 21, 2025	Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahnommen, Norman, and Todd, and White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians – Storms with strong winds and flooding. (\$10,170,250)	8,441,285	-
SD-085	June 13, 2025	Big Stone, Freeborn, Kandiyohi – Storms and flooding. (\$1,748,230)	1,391,422	59,408
SD-084	June 2, 2025	Cottonwood, Renville, and Sibley – Storms and flooding. (\$1,026,950)	788,212	393,250
SD-083	May 11, 2022 – May 24, 2025	St. Louis – Wild land fires. (\$2,779,650)	2,318,463	-
SD-082	August 26, 2024	Isanti – Thunderstorms and straight-line winds. (\$999,410)	758,558	294,232
SD-081	June 18 – July 4, 2024	Dakota, Lyon, Olmsted, Ramsey, and Scott – Severe storms and flooding. (\$4,439,039)	3,428,707	1,429,646
SD-080	July 31, 2024	Beltrami, Big Stone, and Todd – Flooding. (\$639,005)	109,452	476,722
SD-079	July 26, 2024	Marshall – Flooding. (\$67,500)	5,945	49,445
DR-4797	June 16 – July 4, 2024	Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Cass, Cook, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Itasca, Jackson, Lake, Le Sueur, Martin, McLeod, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Sibley, St. Louis, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Watonwan, and Winona – Flooding. (\$51,363,632)	251,872	8,344,266

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SD-078	June 12, 2024	Aitkin and Crow Wing – Severe storms and high winds. (\$717,850)	124,909	573,335
SD-077	June 2, 2024	Big Stone, Rice, Sibley, and Todd – Heavy rain and flooding. (\$2,099,185)	210,938	905,048
SD-076	May 21, 2024	Mower – Severe storms and high winds. (\$400,000)	-	243,826
SD-075	September 23-25, 2023	St. Louis – Storms and flooding. (\$1,480,360)	66,094	347,182
SD-074	April 11-30, 2023	Cass, Itasca, Lyon, Polk, Ramsey, Redwood, and Washington (applicants who did not meet threshold for DR-4722) – Severe storms and flooding. (\$3,271,250)	532,125	1,104,688
DR-4722	April 11-30, 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)	43,863	485,944
SD-072	May 11, 2023	Brown, Cottonwood, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan – Significant rain, flooding. (\$1,135,280)	36,290	221,460
SD-070	December 13-16, 2023	Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Lincoln, Pine, and St. Louis – Heavy snowstorm, high winds. (\$4,447,060)	4,113	154,282
SD-069	November 10, 2022	St. Louis – severe thunderstorm with gale force winds that damaged shoreline infrastructure. (\$667,680)	1,066,995	1,343,171

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SD-068	August 24, 2022	Houston – severe thunderstorms and flooding with heavy rains, large hail, and damaging winds (\$117, 434)	20,174	35,174
SD-067	July 23, 2022	Houston and Renville – severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, tornadoes, heavy rains, and flooding. (\$408,269)	-	33,729
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)	-	70,189
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)	17,647	85,587
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)	72,248	76,277
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)	239,476	404,325
SD-049	May 27 – June 3, 2020	Hennepin – Fires from civil unrest (\$15,658,865)	-	8,337,927

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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, Mahnommen, 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)	-	320,727
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)	-	171,405
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)	-	69,514
Total:			\$25,086,994	\$26,030,759

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