



COVID-19 MINNESOTA FUND EXPENDITURE REPORT

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Executive Summary

- The COVID-19 Minnesota fund was created to pay expenditures associated with the peacetime emergency declared by the Governor in executive order 20-01 related to COVID-19. The fund was established on March 28, 2020 with a starting balance of \$200 million.
- Money in the fund is appropriated to the Commissioner of Management and Budget to be disbursed or transferred to state agencies, as necessary, to:
 1. Protect Minnesota citizens from the COVID-19 outbreak, and;
 2. Maintain state government operations throughout the duration of the peacetime emergency.
- There were 32 authorized expenditures from the fund totaling \$76,200,000 between March 30, 2020 and April 14, 2020. Critical care supplies and equipment account for \$73,945,000 of authorized expenditures with the balance authorized for state government operations.
- Critical care supplies and equipment that have been or will be procured through expenditures authorized between March 30, 2020 and April 14, 2020, include:
 - Gloves – 11,825,300
 - Surgical Masks – 5,420,000
 - N95 Respirators – 1,604,000
 - Ventilators – 800
- The Commissioner of Management and Budget may authorize expenditures of \$1 million or less. An expenditure request in excess of \$1 million must be submitted to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission for review and recommendation before it can be authorized.
- Eight expenditure requests totaling \$70,155,000 were submitted to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission for review and recommendation between March 30, 2020 and April 14, 2020. All requests received the requisite number of positive recommendations to authorize the expenditure.

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic presented an unprecedented challenge to our State. On March 19, 2020, in a letter to the leaders of the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives, Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan asked the Legislature to create a fund that would give the Administration the flexibility to deploy resources necessary to respond to the needs of Minnesotans in real time.

On March 28, 2020, the Legislature passed legislation creating the COVID-19 Minnesota fund, transferring to it \$200 million from the general fund, and appropriating all money to the Commissioner of Management and Budget to be disbursed or transferred to state agencies, as necessary, to:

1. Protect Minnesota citizens from the COVID-19 outbreak, and;
2. Maintain state government operations throughout the duration of the peacetime emergency.

The legislation also established the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission to review expenditures. Members of the Commission are: Senate President Jeremy Miller, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, Senator Julie Rosen, Senator Dick Cohen, Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, Representative Lyndon Carlson, and Representative Pat Garofalo.

The Commissioner of Management and Budget may authorize expenditures of \$1 million or less. However, the process for approving these requests adopted by the Administration requires additional approval from the Commissioner of Health and the Governor's Chief of Staff.

An expenditure request in excess of \$1 million must be submitted to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission for review and recommendation before it can be authorized. Upon submission, the Commission has 24 hours 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 and 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 must provide reports on the spending from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission on the 15th and 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.

The COVID-19 Minnesota fund will expire on May 11, 2020, unless the Legislature acts to change the expiration date. Upon expiration, any money in the fund that remains unobligated will transfer back to the general fund.

Authorized Expenditures

Below is a summary of authorized expenditures from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund between March 30, 2020, and April 14, 2020. The first chart highlights authorized expenditures in excess of \$1 million. The second chart highlights authorized expenditures of \$1 million or less.

Authorized Expenditures in Excess of \$1 Million

(\$ in thousands)

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Requested	Approved
LCRC-1	03/30/20	MDH	Ventilators	\$31,500	\$31,500
LCRC-2	03/30/20	MDH	N95 Respirators	\$16,000	\$16,000
LCRC-3	04/02/20	MDH	Amend LCRC Request #2	~	~
LCRC-4	04/02/20	MDH	PPE – Gowns	\$8,000	\$8,000
LCRC-5	04/02/20	MDH	PPE – Gloves	\$7,000	\$7,000
LCRC-6	04/02/20	MDH	PPE – Surgical Masks	\$5,400	\$5,400
LCRC-7	04/09/20	DOC	COVID-19 Demands for March/April	\$2,255	\$2,255
LCRC-8	04/13/20	MDH	Amend LCRC Requests #1-6	~	~
SUBTOTAL Requests in Excess of \$1 Million				\$70,155	\$70,155

Authorized Expenditures of \$1 Million or Less

(\$ in thousands)

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Requested	Approved
MMB-1	03/30/20	MDH	N95 Respirators	\$402	\$402
MMB-2	03/31/20	MDH	Cloth Masks	\$250	\$250
MMB-3	03/31/20	MDH	Face Shields	\$59	\$59
MMB-4	04/01/20	MDH	Cloth Masks	\$250	\$250
MMB-5	04/01/20	MDH	Gloves	\$600	\$600
MMB-6	04/01/20	MDH	Nasal Cannula	\$84	\$84
MMB-7	04/06/20	MDH	Face Shields	\$277	\$277
MMB-8	04/07/20	MDH	Reusable Respirators	\$78	\$78
MMB-9	04/07/20	MDH	Infrared Thermometers	\$8	\$8
MMB-10	04/07/20	MDH	Reusable, Washable Gowns	\$85	\$85
MMB-11	04/07/20	MDH	Safety Glasses	\$8	\$8
MMB-12	04/08/20	MDH	Gloves	\$77	\$77
MMB-13	04/08/20	MDH	Patient and Equipment Tracking System Software	\$64	\$64
MMB-14	04/08/20	MDH	Water Resistant, Washable Gowns	\$35	\$35
MMB-15	04/09/20	MDH	Simple Surgical Masks	\$150	\$150
MMB-16	04/09/20	MDH	Hand Sanitizer	\$455	\$455
MMB-17	04/09/20	MDH	Simple Surgical Masks	\$266	\$266

Request #	Date	Agency	Description	Requested	Approved
MMB-18	04/09/20	MDH	Alternate Care Sites Medical Supplies	\$180	\$180
MMB-19	04/10/20	MDH	Simple Surgical Masks	\$850	\$850
MMB-20	04/10/20	MDH	Shoe Covers	\$17	\$17
MMB-21	04/13/20	MDH	Surgical Masks	\$470	\$470
MMB-22	04/13/20	MDH	BiPAP Machines and Equipment	\$415	\$415
MMB-23	04/13/20	MDH	Gloves and Surgical Masks	\$963	\$963
MMB-24	04/13/20	MDH	Gloves	\$2	\$2
SUBTOTAL Requests of \$1 Million or Less				\$6,045	\$6,045

Commentary on Authorized Expenditures

Minnesota faces extraordinary challenges in acquiring the equipment and supplies necessary to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Procurement is highly competitive as most states and many countries are sourcing the same products from the same limited number of vendors. The difference between securing life-saving equipment and supplies, or losing out to more nimble entities, is often a matter of hours, not days. The State must have the flexibility to make fast, informed procurement decisions to secure the equipment and supplies needed for our health care providers, first responders and others who provide critical services during this public health emergency. To that end, four of the eight expenditure requests submitted to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission during the time period covered in this report (LCRC-1, LCRC-2, LCRC-4, and LCRC-5) sought pre-authorization for expenditures in excess of \$1 million, up to a certain amount, for specific types of equipment and supplies.

On two occasions, we asked the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission to review and provide recommendations on changes to previously authorized expenditures. In the first instance (LCRC-3), we sought an increase to the amount pre-authorized for the purchase of N95 respirators. This was based on a revised assumption of how many N95 respirators would be needed, as well as a time-sensitive opportunity to purchase a substantial quantity for a total price that exceeded the previously pre-authorized amount. In the second instance (LCRC-8), we sought more flexibility in how previously approved expenditures could be used. With the additional flexibility, the state could leverage private sector relationships to obtain the most needed supplies at the best possible price, as they become available and are needed. These funds are currently set aside for the procurement of through our traditional supply chain, or our partner companies like Ecolab, the 3M Company, C.H. Robinson, Patterson Companies, Inc., the Toro Company, and Donaldson Company, Inc., to source needed supplies in quantities identified by the state. These leads will be brought to the state, who will either follow up with the procurement and expenditure steps in the process or reimburse the company for their actual acquisition costs.

As of April 14, 2020, \$31,778,000 of the \$76,200,000 in approved expenditures is either spent or encumbered for spending with the balance not yet committed. The majority of approved expenditures that are currently uncommitted is set aside for future purchases through traditional sourcing and sourcing with private partners as described above and in Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission Notice of Action #8. Additional detail about approved expenditures from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund for the period of time covered in this report is provided in Appendix A. Additional information about the COVID-19 Minnesota fund is available online at mn.gov/mmb/budget/covid19-mn-fund.

Appendix A:

Budget Division Report

- March 30, 2020 – April 14, 2020

COVID-19 Minnesota Fund
Laws 2020, Chapter 71, Article 1, Section 7
Biweekly Expenditure Report
(\$ in thousands)

Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission (LCRC) reviews requests over \$1 M within 24 hours for approval

Initial Fund Balance	Approved Spending Authority	Remaining Unauthorized	Actual Spent / Encumbered	Not Committed
\$ 200,000	\$ 76,197	\$123,803	\$ 31,778	\$ 44,419

Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission (LCRC) Authorizations

Agency	Expenditure Request	Approved Spending Authority	Approval Date	Purchased
Health	Ventilators	\$31,500	3/30/2020 LCRC #1	800 Ventilators and 200 Airvo machines
Health	N95 Respirators (original approval 3/30 for \$4 M)	\$16,000	4/2/2020 LCRC #2, #3	1,500,000 N95 Respirators/Masks
Health	Personal Protective Equipment--Gowns	\$8,000	4/2/2020 LCRC #4	
Health	Personal Protective Equipment-Gloves	\$7,000	4/2/2020 LCRC #5	10,000,000 Gloves
Health	Personal Protective Equipment-Surgical Masks	\$5,400	4/3/2020 LCRC #6	4,000,000 Surgical masks
Corrections	COVID-19 related demands in March/April	\$2,255	4/9/2020 LCRC #7	
Health	Spending already approved in previous requests	[\$42,043]	4/14/2020 LCRC #8	Discretionary spending for critical supplies
Health	Discretionary spending for critical supplies \$33		4/14/2020 LCRC #8	125,000 Gloves
Health	Discretionary spending for critical supplies \$184		4/14/2020 LCRC #8	1,000,000 Shoe covers (500,000 pairs)
Health	Discretionary spending for critical supplies \$7		4/14/2020 LCRC #8	1,440 lab coats, 100 pants, 20,000 gloves

Non-Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission (LCRC) Authorizations (\$1 million or under)

Agency	Expenditure Request	Approved Spending Authority	Approval Date	Purchased
Health	100,000 N95 Respirators/Masks	\$402	3/30/2020	104,000 N95 Respirators/Masks
Health	100,000 Cloth masks	\$250	3/31/2020	100,000 Pleated cotton masks
Health	25,000 Face shields	\$59	3/31/2020	25,000 Face shields
Health	100,000 Cloth masks	\$250	4/1/2020	100,000 Pleated cotton masks
Health	10,000,000 Gloves	\$600	4/1/2020	1,810,000 Gloves
Health	1,000 Cannula	\$84	4/1/2020	1,000 Cannula
Health	125,000 Face shields	\$277	4/6/2020	125,000 Face shields
Health	2,016 Moldex Reusable Respirators (half-mask)	\$78	4/7/2020	2,016 Half-mask respirator
Health	150 Infrared thermometers	\$8	4/7/2020	
Health	1,700 Reusable, washable gowns	\$85	4/7/2020	1,700 Reusable, washable gowns
Health	1,500 Safety glasses	\$8	4/7/2020	1,500 Safety glasses
Health	15,300 Gloves	\$77	4/7/2020	15,300 Gloves
Health	Patient and Equipment Tracking System (software)	\$64	4/8/2020	Patient & Equipment Tracking System (software)
Health	700 Water resistant, washable gowns	\$35	4/8/2020	700 Water resistant, washable gowns
Health	150,000 Surgical masks	\$150	4/9/2020	150,000 Surgical masks
Health	52,692 Bottles of hand sanitizer	\$455	4/9/2020	52,692 Bottles of hand sanitizer
Health	270,000 Surgical masks	\$266	4/9/2020	270,000 Surgical masks
Health	Alternate Care Sites medical supplies	\$180	4/9/2020	Alternate Care Sites Team medical supplies
Health	1,000,000 Simple surgical masks	\$850	4/10/2020	1,000,000 Surgical masks
Health	120,000 Shoe covers	\$17	4/10/2020	120,000 Shoe covers (60,000 pairs)
Health	1,000,000 Surgical masks	\$470	4/13/2020	1,000,000 Surgical masks
Health	500 BiPAP machines and related hoses/equipment	\$415	4/13/2020	500 BiPAP machines, hoses, and equipment
Health	1,000,000 Surgical masks	\$961	4/13/2020	1,000,000 Surgical masks
Health	120 boxes of gloves (100 per box)	\$2	4/13/2020	12,000 gloves

Critical Care and Alternative Care Facilities Products Purchased

Data through 4/14/2020

Quantity	Product Purchased
1,604,000	N95 Respirators/Masks
800	Ventilators
200	Airvo machines
500	BiPAP machines, hoses, and equipment
7,420,000	Surgical Masks
200,000	Cloth Masks
150,000	Face Shields
11,982,300	Gloves
2,400	Gowns
1,000	Cannula
1,500	Safety glasses
2,016	Half-mask respirator
52,692	Bottles of hand sanitizer
1,120,000	Shoe covers
1,540	Lab coats and pants
	Patient & Equipment Tracking System (software)
	Alternate Care Sites medical supplies

Appendix B:

Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission Recommendations

The Commissioner of Management and Budget submitted eight expenditure requests to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission for review and recommendation between March 30, 2020 and April 14, 2020. Upon submission of an expenditure request, the Commission has 24 hours to review 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 and 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.

LCRC REQUEST #	Sen. Miller	Speaker Hortman	Sen. Gazelka	Rep. Winkler	Sen. Kent	Rep. Daudt	Sen. Rosen	Rep. Carlson	Sen. Cohen	Rep. Garofalo
1. Ventilators	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
2. N95 Respirators	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
3. Amend LCRC-2	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
4. PPE – Gowns	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
5. PPE – Gloves	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
6. PPE – Surgical Masks	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
7. Dept. of Corrections Request	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Negative	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
8. Amend LCRC Requests #1-6	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive



Positive Recommendation



Negative Recommendation



No Recommendation

Appendix C:

Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission Request Forms

- LCRC-1 – Ventilators
- LCRC-2 – N95 Respirators
- LCRC-3 – Amend LCRC-2
- LCRC-4 – PPE – Gowns
- LCRC-5 – PPE – Gloves
- LCRC-6 – PPE – Surgical Masks
- LCRC-7 – COVID-19 Demands for March/April (plus supplemental materials)
- LCRC-8 – Amend LCRC-1 through LCRC-6



Health Care Response /COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

Please complete this form in accordance with the instructions

Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Health/Community Health Division/Office of Emergency Preparedness

Title of Request: Ventilators

Date: 3/30/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 31,500,000

Request Funding Source:



Health Care Response Fund Request



COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request

Brief Summary of Request:

Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached, if needed.

A ventilator is necessary to help patients with serious respiratory diseases, such as COVID-19, breathe. For those with the most serious conditions, a ventilator can be the difference between life and death. Hospitals across the state are not equipped with sufficient ventilators to meet the surge in patients from COVID-19, particularly critical patients needing intensive care beds. With a shortage of ventilators currently available, we estimate, based on modeling, that at least 700 ventilators could be needed.

Ventilators are in high demand and we are competing with every other state to purchase them. A purchasing decision will likely need to be made within the same day, if not within the same hour of identifying a vendor with any amount in stock. The cost of a ventilator is ranges from \$25,000 to \$80,000 per ventilator. The ventilators will be distributed to hospitals based on allocation decisions by the Regional Health Care Coalitions, an organizational entity established through our hospital emergency preparedness planning.

We are seeking confirmation that this procurement will be eligible for 75% FEMA reimbursement.

Department Head Signature

3/30/2020

Date

Health Care Response /COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

Please complete this form in accordance with the instructions

Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Health/Community Health Division/Office of Emergency Preparedness

Title of Request: N95 Respirators

Date: 3/30/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 4,000,000

Request Funding Source:



Health Care Response Fund Request



COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request

Brief Summary of Request:

Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached, if needed.

The N95 respirator is the cornerstone of the personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to ensure patients with COVID-19 do not infect those caring for them. Many of our health care facilities report they are down to less than a week's worth of PPE, including N95 respirators. Procurement of PPE is incredibly competitive right now, as most states and many countries are sourcing the same products from the same limited number of vendors. Individual health care providers are not able to purchase the supplies they need because they are purchasing in small quantities. To ensure our health care system has the PPE they desperately need, the state needs to leverage its purchasing power and purchase on behalf of providers. In addition, procurement decisions need to be made within hours of locating a vendor with supply on hand. We estimate that health care facilities have a current need for 1,000,000 N95 respirators. We have seen them priced between \$2-\$4 per mask. \$4,000,000 will be used to purchase up to one million N95 respirators.

Since the state will be leveraging its purchasing power to procure this equipment on behalf of hospitals and health care providers, the COVID-19 Minnesota Fund will be used.

We anticipate that this purchase will be eligible for 75% FEMA reimbursement.

Department Head Signature

3/30/2020

Date

Health Care Response /COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

Please complete this form in accordance with the instructions

Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Health/Community Health Division/Office of Emergency Preparedness

Title of Request: N95 Respirators--REVISED

Date: 4/2/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 16,000,000

Request Funding Source:



Health Care Response Fund Request



COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request

Brief Summary of Request:

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The N95 respirator is the cornerstone of the personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to ensure patients with COVID-19 do not infect those caring for them. Many of our health care facilities report they are down to less than a week's worth of PPE, including N95 respirators. Procurement of PPE is incredibly competitive right now, as most states and many countries are sourcing the same products from the same limited number of vendors. Individual health care providers are not able to purchase the supplies they need because they are purchasing in small quantities. To ensure our health care system has the PPE they desperately need, the state needs to leverage its purchasing power and purchase on behalf of providers. In addition, procurement decisions need to be made within hours of locating a vendor with supply on hand. We estimate that health care facilities have a current need for 4,000,000 N95 respirators. We have seen them priced between \$2-\$4 per mask. \$16,000,000 will be used to purchase up to four million N95 respirators.

Since the state will be leveraging its purchasing power to procure this equipment on behalf of hospitals and health care providers, the COVID-19 Minnesota Fund will be used.

We anticipate that this purchase will be eligible for 75% FEMA reimbursement.

Department Head Signature

4/2/2020

Date

Health Care Response / COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Health/Community Health/Office of Emergency Preparedness

Title of Request: Personal Protective Equipment--Gowns

Date: 04/02/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 8,000,000

Health Care Response Fund Request (Laws 2020, Ch. 70, Art. 2)

COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request (Laws 2020, Ch. 71, Art. 1, Sec. 7)

Brief Summary of Request:

Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached.

This request is for pre-authorization to purchase up to \$8 million worth of water resistant medical gowns for health care workers. These gowns are washable and reusable and will help meet the immediate need while we source disposable gowns. We anticipate procuring up to one million gowns. These are currently pricing at \$8 per unit. We will purchase as sources become available.

Department Head Signature

04/02/2020

Date

Health Care Response / COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Health/Community Health/Office of Emergency Preparedness

Title of Request: Personal Protective Equipment-Gloves

Date: 04/02/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 7,000,000

Health Care Response Fund Request (Laws 2020, Ch. 70, Art. 2)

COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request (Laws 2020, Ch. 71, Art. 1, Sec. 7)

Brief Summary of Request:

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This is a pre-authorization request for up to \$7 million for non-latex glove purchases. We have an immediate opportunity to purchase 10 million gloves for \$1.3 million before noon tomorrow, April 3. The remaining \$5.7 million is for pre-authorization for glove purchases as opportunities for purchase become available to meet the ongoing need for gloves. The current rate of hospital usage according to our data through the State Healthcare Coordination Center is 600,000 to 1,000,000 gloves per day. We estimate a need of an additional 50 million gloves in the coming weeks. We are requesting a total of \$7M to provide for price adjustments, as well as very volatile freight costs.

Department Head Signature

04/02/2020

Date

Health Care Response / COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Health/Community Health/Office of Emergency Preparedness

Title of Request: Personal Protective Equipment--Surgical Masks

Date: 04/03/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 5,400,000

Health Care Response Fund Request (Laws 2020, Ch. 70, Art. 2)

COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request (Laws 2020, Ch. 71, Art. 1, Sec. 7)

Brief Summary of Request:

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The Critical Care Supply workstream requests \$5.4M to purchase 4 million simple surgical masks. Simple surgical masks are a basic form of personal protective equipment (PPE) and are being used by both healthcare professionals as protective equipment and infected patients to contain the source of the virus.

Department Head Signature

04/03/2020

Date

Health Care Response /COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

Please complete this form in accordance with the instructions

Agency/Program/Activity:

Department of Corrections

Title of Request: COVID-19 Request - Phase 1

Date: 4/7/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 2,255,000

Request Funding Source:



Health Care Response Fund Request



COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request

Brief Summary of Request:

Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached.

Like correctional facilities across the country, the DOC is facing an extremely challenging time facing the COVID-19 pandemic and a significant impact on its resources. The asks presented are based primarily on current conditions, only for March and April 2020. Actual costs have the potential to be significantly higher in the event of a large outbreak in our facilities.

Staffing: To manage patient illness, overtime costs associated with medical staff's exposure to illness, and increased use of outside nursing agencies.

Personal Protective Equipment for staff and patients.

Washing Stations to be installed at entrances, healthcare units, and extra case units housing senior, medically compromised, and disabled inmates.

Medical Supplies: To purchase thermometers, pulse oximeters, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, medical equipment carts, mobile lap top computers and mobile lap top stands.

Medication: To purchase Medication stock of antivirals, anti-anxiety and steroids for respiratory conditions, Tylenol etc. for fever reduction and insulin, blood pressure medication, blood thinners for increased stress to the persons with chronic disease.

Discontinue offender medical co-pay requirement: DOC is waiving offender co-pays for a limited duration to allow for symptomatic people to reach out for services.

Soap: DOC is issuing hand soap to all incarcerated persons in Minnesota's correctional facilities.

Cleaning: Need additional cleaning services and supplies to align with pandemic cleaning protocol.

Video Visiting Access/Free O-Mail/Streaming and Free Calls: DOC has halted all in person visitation. In other countries, these conditions have resulted in significant prison unrest. Allowing limited but free video visiting for offenders is critical to prison safety.

MINNCOR is requesting resources to continue critical programming that keeps inmates engaged and safe, and creates institutional stabilization. MINNCOR provides occupational training services for inmates and treatment.

Indigent Supply Kits: To ensure the ability to meet the basic needs of the expected increase in indigent supply kits (toothpaste, shampoo, razor, etc.).

In-Cell Food Service Disposables Costs: Facility lock downs are requiring use of disposable products.

Suspend Cost of Confinement: Suspension of the cost of confinement surcharge from incoming money for offenders is resulting in revenue loss which funds prison law libraries and more.

Work Release/Halfway House: The request allows for the expansion of community-based halfway house beds to better manage population.

Paul Schnell

Department Head Signature

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Department of Corrections Funding Request for COVID-19 Response Activities

Date: 04.07.2020

The estimates included in this document are based primarily on current conditions, and do not reflect a significant outbreak in our correctional facilities. *Actual costs have the potential to be significantly higher if COVID-19 becomes prevalent in state correctional facilities.*

\$ in thousands

#	Response Activity	Description/Rationale	Funding	
			MARCH 2020	APRIL 2020
1	Staffing	Anticipated overtime costs for critical projects (i.e. install showers for a quarantine unit), coverage for health care, security and food service personnel on COVID-19 leave, etc.	0	100
2	Personal Protective Equipment	Increase in use of personal protective equipment	12	52
3	Hand Washing Stations	Installed at all facility entrances, some purchased and some rental	4	17
4	Medical Supplies	In anticipation of additional patient visits, increased medical care, ensure sufficient inventory is on hand and readily available, increased and more frequent use of some clinic supplies	14	44
5	Medication	Current inventory may not be sufficient, anticipated increased need for certain OTC and prescriptions medications	0	25
6	Discontinue offender medical co-pay requirement	Offenders' medical co-pay is waived to increase the likelihood that offenders will report and seek treatment for health concerns	2	8
7	Soap and Sanitizer	Supplies needed throughout the correctional facilities and field offices	3	4
8	Cleaning	To align with pandemic cleaning protocol, ensure sufficient inventory	12	19
9	Videos Visiting Access	To allow for pro-social visits, a proven strategy for reducing reoffending, given in-person visiting has been suspended. The DOC will need to cover the vendors' revenue losses. Visits will be limited in terms of frequency and time.	0	16
10	Free access to phone calls	Implemented as a strategy for population management and stabilization	0	160
11	MINNCOR	MINNCOR is requesting resources to continue critical programming that keeps inmates engaged and safe, and creates institutional stabilization. MINNCOR provides occupational training services for inmates and treatment.	200	590

\$ in thousands

#	Response Activity	Description/Rationale	Funding	
			MARCH 2020	APRIL 2020
12	Indigent Supply Packages	Loss of income opportunity without industry and other work programs will result in higher number of indigent offenders	0	123
13	In-cell Food Service Disposables Cost	During a lockdown in-cell food service delivery would be necessary, requiring the use of disposables	4	60
14	Halfway house and jail bed rental	Increase of contract per diem rates to ensure availability of alternative placements for incarcerated offenders THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020	0	368
15	Food Provisions	In anticipation of a 15% increase in food costs for the offender population	16	175
16	MINNCOR Inmate Confinement Fund	Resources are critically needed to support offender education and reentry initiatives.	12	115
17	Offender Compensation	To ensure a minimal amount of compensation for offenders who would, typically have a work assignment but may be laid in - as a strategy for offender population management and stabilization	0	50
18	Offender Housing and Electronic Monitoring	Funds will provide for additional offender housing resources, including electronic monitoring, allowing the commissioner the ability to exercise his authority to consider options for the earlier release of low-risk offenders as a strategy to increase social distancing. Offenders would be subject to electronic monitoring.	0	50
TOTALS			279	1,976

Health Care Response /COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

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Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Public Health

Title of Request: Flexibility for Previously Approved COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Authorizations

Date: 4/13/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 0

Request Funding Source:



Health Care Response Fund Request



COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request

Brief Summary of Request:

Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

This request is to allow discretionary spending of \$42.043 million in previously authorized funds for purchase of critical supply needs. With additional flexibility, purchasers will leverage this funding to obtain the most needed supplies at the best possible price, as supplies become available and are needed.

RATIONALE:

With the support of the Department of Administration, the Department of Health has successfully placed orders for ventilators, respirators, masks, gowns and gloves totaling \$25.857 million of the \$67.9 million authorized for these items. \$42.043 million in previously authorized funds remain for the purchase of still needed critical supply needs (see table below).

Item	Original Quantity	Amount Purchased	Remaining Need
Ventilators	700	1,000	200
N95 Respirators	4,000,000	1,500,000	2,600,000
Gowns	1,000,000	0	9,000,000
Gloves	60,000,000	10,000,000	65,000,000
Surgical Masks	4,000,000	4,000,000	21,000,000

Marketplace conditions are changing rapidly. We are finding that the competitiveness of the marketplace is increasing every day as is the need for personal protective equipment and other health care supplies. Providers are burning through PPE at a faster rate than we had anticipated, and supplies are dwindling quickly.

The purchase of critical care supplies in Minnesota's COVID-19 response has provided a unique opportunity for private sector involvement. The marketplace for PPE and other COVID-19 response supplies is extremely crowded. The federal government, 49 other states, and many other countries are all sourcing the same equipment at the same time. Purchasing is extremely competitive and the cost of goods and freight is very dynamic.

Minnesota has been fortunate to have strong private sector relationships that the Department of Administration is leveraging to assist in sourcing PPE, validating international businesses and factories, and assisting with transportation. Additionally, the state is partnering with private sector businesses coordinated by Ecolab to leverage their supply chain

4/13/2020

Department Head Signature

Date