



Health Care Response /COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

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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.

Margaret Kelly

Department Head Signature

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