

Coronavirus Relief / Health Care Response / COVID-19 Minnesota Funds Request Form

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Agency/Point of Contact: Department of Health/Margaret Kelly, Deputy Commissioner

Title of Request: COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy and Response

Date: 12/29/2020 **Request Amount:** \$ 39,758,000

Expenditure Time Period: 3/28/2020 to 6/30/2021

Request Funding Source:

- Coronavirus Relief Fund (if selected complete page 2)
- Health Care Response Fund
- COVID-19 Minnesota Fund

Brief Summary of Request: (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

Minnesota has been working to prepare and implement COVID-19 vaccine administration plans. This will be the largest vaccination effort the department and state have ever undertaken. While distribution and administration for the first phase is underway, subsequent phases that administer vaccine to disparate groups of Minnesotans and primarily outside of a health care setting will require the state to create and sustain a supportive infrastructure to make sure that all Minnesotans, and especially the most vulnerable, have a vaccine made available to them as soon as possible, and they know when and where to get vaccinated.

The need for a comprehensive vaccination strategy and infrastructure that reaches all Minnesotans will continue well into 2021. We have a preliminary budget estimate of \$134 million to ensure timely distribution and accessible vaccination of all Minnesotans. The magnitude, timing of availability, and flexibility of federal funds is uncertain. Therefore, a finance strategy is needed to respond to the significant, immediate needs we expect to face around vaccination.

This request is to make COVID-19 MN funds available for the vaccination effort. Funds may be used for costs associated with the vaccination strategy, planning, administration, and implementation including but not limited to staffing to support advisory committees, to develop guidance, to coordinate distribution and administration of the vaccine, to conduct research, data analysis and reporting; supplies, equipment, technology costs, critical care supplies, training and related costs associated with supporting the vaccination response; warehousing, leases, costs associated with community service delivery locations; grants or payments to partners in the response including community partners, local public health agencies, and tribal public health; and communications and public media costs associated with encouraging Minnesotans to participate in the public health response to COVID. This request assumes work may be performed by and between other state agencies or partners as necessary and that funds may be transferred as necessary to accomplish the work. Some of the costs incurred with this funding will likely be reimbursable by FEMA or through insurance payments.

More information about Minnesota's vaccination strategy is available on the Department of Health's website: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html#why>

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