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

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