



Health Care Response /COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

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Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Health/Executive Office

Title of Request: University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic Collaboration for Rapid Widespread Testing for COVID-19

Date: 4/22/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 36,000,000

Request Funding Source:



Health Care Response Fund Request



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Brief Summary of Request:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

This request is to allow spending of \$36 million from the COVID-19 Minnesota Fund for a collaboration between the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the health systems providing care to Minnesotans, and the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for rapid widespread testing for COVID-19 in the State of Minnesota. This proposal is a part of a larger MDH proposal for testing, surveillance, and contact tracing and allocates \$18 million each to the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic to build the infrastructure and execute the first phase of the state's comprehensive plan. Phase One is expected to occur over the next 3-4 weeks and would provide molecular and serologic testing so that results can be used in real-time to support clinical practice needs and population-based strategies to limit spread of the infection. Details about this proposal for Phase One are provided in the attached contract and Exhibit A to the contract.

RATIONALE:

The aim of this proposal is:

1. To provide the means for every person in the state with symptoms of COVID-19 to get tested.
2. To identify emerging "hotspots" of infection for rapid intervention.
3. To provide the supporting information for contact tracing efforts for better control of the infection.
4. To collect data on prevalence, geographic distribution, and barriers to care to inform the MDH.
5. To conduct groundbreaking research on COVID-19 to better understand the infection, and the most evidence-based use of specific tests for specific purposes. This research may ultimately also inform better means to cure as well as prevent the infection.

Deliverables of this proposal:

- Increase availability of COVID-19 testing across the state with a dependable supply of tests allocated in accordance with clinical practice and public health needs.
- Virtual command center to monitor daily testing needs and coordinate rapid responses to outbreaks.
- Statewide database for results reporting.
- Establish capacity to deliver 20,000 molecular and 15,000 serology tests per day.
- Early seroprevalence study on discarded blood to be used to inform testing strategies in Phase 2.
- Access to as many as 1,000 serologic and 2,000 molecular tests per day in addition to current statewide capacity during start-up.

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