

Legislative Advisory Commission – Action Order #2 Health Care Response Fund – FY 2020

The Minnesota Legislature created the Health Care Response Fund and appropriated money in the fund to the Minnesota Commissioner of Health to disburse to eligible providers responding to the COVID-19 crisis. Funds may be used to prepare for and respond to the outbreak, to fund the establishment and operation of temporary sites to provide testing services, to provide treatment beds, or to isolate or quarantine affected individuals.

Pursuant to Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 70, Article 2, Section 1, Sub 3(a), the Minnesota Commissioner of Management and Budget must submit proposed single expenditures from the Health Care Response Fund that exceed \$1,000,000 to the Legislative Advisory Commission. Upon submission of the request, the commission has two days to make a positive recommendation, a negative recommendation, or no recommendation on a proposed expenditure.

If a majority of members from the senate and a majority of members from the house of representatives make a negative recommendation on a proposed expenditure, the commissioner may not expend the money. If a majority of the commission members from the senate or a majority of members from the house of representatives make a positive recommendation or no recommendation, the commissioner may expend the money.

On **June 12, 2020**, the commissioner of management and budget submitted the following proposed expenditure request:

- ***Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$20.07 million for grants to providers to providing staffing, equipment, testing, supplies, and opportunities for isolation to keep staff and patients safe while responding to the COVID-19 crisis.***

The requisite number of commission members having provided a positive or no recommendation, the expenditure of \$20,065,000 from the Health Care Response Fund by the commissioner of health is authorized.

June 18, 2020

DATE



Myron Frans, Commissioner