

Health Care Response / COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request Form

Agency/Program/Activity:

Minnesota Department of Health/Health Improvement/Health Policy

Title of Request: Expenditures from the Public Health Response Fund over \$1 million

Date: 06/04/2020

Amount Requested: \$ 20,065,000

Health Care Response Fund Request (Laws 2020, Ch. 70, Art. 2)

COVID-19 Minnesota Fund Request (Laws 2020, Ch. 71, Art. 1, Sec. 7)

Brief Summary of Request:

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

Minnesota Laws of 2020, chapter 70, established a Health Care Response Fund and appropriated \$150 million to the commissioner of health for grants to health systems and facilities to aid their response to the COVID19 pandemic.

The law requires review by the Legislative Advisory Commission for any grants that exceed \$1 million. The attached list of grants meets the review requirement. The health care response law supports a variety of costs health care providers are facing in addressing the pandemic, including the need for additional staff and overtime emergency transportation, purchasing personal protective equipment, and testing equipment and supplies, among other needs.

The application process opened on April 14, 2020. The grant applications were reviewed by teams of staff with experience and expertise with the provider type. The applicants were prioritized based on urgency of need, high impact area, active infections, financial need, reasonableness of request, need for preparation, and coordination of effort with other state and regional COVID19 response efforts.

This is the second round of requests for use of the Pubic Health Response fund for grants greater than \$1 million.

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Health Care Response Fund

JUNE 8, 2020 – GRANTS ABOVE \$1 MILLION

Essentia Health: \$9,500,000

Salaries	Supplies	Equip.	Const.	Other
\$1,749,105	\$3,219,154	\$3,155,151	\$622,256	\$754,334

Essentia Health is requesting funds to establish and operate temporary sites to provide testing, treatment beds, isolation or quarantine of affected individuals; convert space to negative pressure rooms; and purchase personal protective equipment.

The request meets the following allowable uses under the law:

- Temporarily convert space for another purpose that will revert to its original use.
- Pay support staff overtime and hire additional staff.
- Provide staff training and staff orientation.
- Purchase consumable protective or treatment equipment or supplies to protect or treat staff, visitors or patients.
- Develop and implement screening and testing procedures.
- Conduct patient outreach activities.
- Provide emergency transportation of patients.
- Support patient triage, screening, and telemedicine activities with additional temporary information technology and systems.
- Purchase specialty cleaning supplies for facilities and equipment.

HealthPartners, Inc.: \$9,500,000

Salaries	Supplies	Equip.	Const.	Other
\$5,000,000	\$4,130,000	\$0	\$370,000	\$5,000,000

HealthPartners, Inc. is requesting funds to expand screening at all sites, establish testing sites, including drive-up sites; staff respiratory care sites at existing primary care clinics; purchase personal protective equipment for all staff at these sites; use ultraviolet light machine to disinfect N95 masks; and retrofit space to isolate and care for COVID-19 patients needing inpatient care.

The request meets the following allowable uses under the law:

- Temporarily convert space for another purpose that will revert to its original use.

HEALTH CARE RESPONSE FUND

- Pay support staff overtime and hire additional staff.
- Purchase consumable protective or treatment equipment or supplies to protect or treat staff, visitors, or patients.
- Develop and implement screening and testing procedures.

Red Lake Comprehensive Health Services: \$1,065,000

Salaries	Supplies	Equip.	Const.	Other
\$5,000,000	\$4,130,000	\$0	\$370,000	\$5,000,000

Red Lake Comprehensive Health Services is requesting funds to increase clinical services and cover staff costs in alternative care sites for isolating patients and for increased testing capability; and to purchase personal protective equipment.

The request meets the following allowable uses under the law:

- Pay support staff overtime and hire additional staff
- Purchase consumable protective or treatment equipment or supplies to protect or treat staff, visitors, or patients.

Total for this request: \$20,065,000