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# Minnesota Recovery Plan

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# General Overview

## Executive Summary

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden providing over \$350 billion dollars to state, local and tribal governments for addressing the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Rescue Plan Act's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) were distributed across the country and created the opportunity for a significant public health response effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Minnesota received \$2.83 billion to be used in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. These funds supported immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses, replenished public sector revenues vital to providing essential public services, and enabled our state to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic. Governor Tim Walz and legislative leaders agreed to divide the funds received between immediate COVID-19 response and long-term pandemic recovery.

As of June 30, 2023, Minnesota has spent approximately \$2.75 billion of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF). Some of the many projects funded with immediate response funds included summer learning for students, emergency staffing for health care workers, rental assistance, childcare support, meals and food for families, violence prevention, vaccine incentives and workforce stabilization. The Uses of Funds section of this report details intended and actual uses of funds and how Minnesota's approach helped support a strong and equitable recovery.

In alignment with the federal SLFRF goals of promoting equity, deepening community engagement, promoting sound labor practices, and using evidence-based program design, Minnesota used the following criteria to identify, evaluate and select projects:

- Promoting Equitable Outcomes
- Community Engagement
- Use of Evidence
- Outcomes and Evaluation

Minnesota's pandemic recovery strategy supports community by actively seeking feedback and suggestions from people in Minnesota and using evidence-based practices. The state continues to leverage its strong evidence-based culture in its use of the SFRF which enables Minnesota to maximize the impact for our communities.

With many projects going into their third year of implementation, the State of Minnesota has seen remarkable results from the use of the SFRF. The performance report section of this report outlines project performance indicators and progress and includes the following initiatives:

- *Hunger Relief* purchased 2,937,808 pounds of food
- *Summer Preschool* served over 7,300 children 0-5 years (3,543 in priority categories)
- *Expanded Meal Access* provided over 91,000 meals
- *Rapid at Home Test Program* distributed 450,000 test kits and *Community-Based Testing* administered approximately 1,160,000 tests

The project inventory details 89 projects funded through SFRF that over 24 state agencies and partners have developed. Each SFRF project is summarized and includes the purpose of the project, the amount received, and the communities served. As many projects are ongoing, performance metrics will continue to be updated and included in future reports.

This report focuses exclusively on the SFRF components of Minnesota’s recovery efforts and is required by the U.S. Department of Treasury. It is not intended to serve as a comprehensive report of all efforts. Visit [mn.gov/mmb](https://mn.gov/mmb) to access additional COVID-19 reports.

## Uses of Funds

Minnesota allocated \$2.32 billion to replenish the Unemployment Insurance (UI) trust fund, with the remainder going towards provision of government services to address immediate COVID-19 response needs. Minnesota has spent approximately \$2.75 billion of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) as detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1. Expenses by Expenditure Category**

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan (\$)
<b>2</b>	<b>Negative Economic Impacts</b>		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds	\$2,324,175,000	\$230,000,000
<b>6</b>	<b>Revenue Replacement</b>		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$430,292,987	\$185,419,812

### *Contributions to the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund*

During the 2022 legislative session, Governor Walz and legislative leaders agreed to allocate \$2.32 billion to repay the outstanding balance of the federal unemployment insurance trust fund and replenish the balance with the difference. This allocation directly served all existing, active, tax paying employers in the State of Minnesota, and all new tax paying employers who might have begun their business in 2022, totaling roughly 169,000 employers.


The rapid increase and high volume of applicants receiving unemployment benefits depleted the roughly \$1.5 billion balance in Minnesota’s UI Trust Fund within four months. The use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to replenish the UI Trust Fund allowed Minnesota to keep a positive balance with the U.S. Treasury and to avoid imposing UI tax increases.

Ultimately, the UI Program provided a temporary partial wage replacement to Minnesota workers who became unemployed through no fault of their own, which supported economic stability for individual workers and employers and for local and statewide economies. The avoided tax increase made possible by the expenditure of these funds to repay the UI debt and replenish the UI Trust Fund helped large and small employers across the state remain economically viable and competitive.

*Immediate COVID-19 Response Needs*

Governor Walz and bipartisan legislative leaders agreed to use the remaining funds for addressing immediate COVID-19 response needs. This money was used to replace lost revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and provided necessary government services to people living and working in Minnesota. A wide variety of government services were provided using these funds, responding to both the public health crisis presented by COVID-19 as well as the economic impacts. Funds were allocated to programs supporting children, students, and teachers (Academic and Mental Health Support for Schools, Summer Preschool, Childcare Stabilization, Free and Reduced Price Lunch, Expanded Access to Tutoring, School Link Mental Health), health care providers (Emergency Nursing Facilities and Emergency Hospital Staff), employers (UI Trust Fund, MN Zoo Recovery, Workers Compensation), general public health efforts (Community Based Testing, COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives), as well as rental assistance, food support, wastewater testing, violence prevention, and support for veterans. Table 2 lists projects by funding amount and highlights the constituencies served by the programming.

**Table 2. Agency Projects, Funding, and Constituencies (as of June 30, 2023)**



Project Name	Funding	Children	Employees	Employers	Families	Health Care Providers	Law Enforcement	Students	Teachers	Tenants
B222230 - Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund	\$2,324,175,000	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-
H552191 - Emergency Nursing Facilities Grant	\$49,900,000	-	-	Yes	-	Yes	-	-	-	-
H12CW9R - Community Based Testing <sup>1</sup>	\$40,000,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
E37C042 - Academic & Mental Health Support for Schools and Districts	\$34,614,000	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-

<sup>1</sup> The actual amount project H12CW9R is \$40,000,000. It is reported in our Project and Expenditure Report as \$35,634,848. The difference is a result of spending SFRF interest earnings on this project that are not included in the Project and Expenditure Report.



Project Name	Funding	Children	Employees	Employers	Families	Health Care Providers	Law Enforcement	Students	Teachers	Tenants
E603210 - Workforce Stabilization Grants	\$33,500,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
E37C046 - Pandemic Enrollment Aid	\$29,191,000	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
H12CX1R - Emergency Staff – Hospitals	\$24,922,694	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-
E37C041 - Summer Preschool for 4- and 5-Year-Olds	\$20,000,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
H552199 - Childcare Stabilization	\$19,968,909	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
P076U13 - Violence Intervention	\$16,200,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-
H552161 - #4 - Shelter Facility	\$15,000,000	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
H12CV9R – COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives	\$13,800,000	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
H552198 - Food Support Grant	\$13,715,500	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
E37C060 - Compensatory Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	\$11,530,430	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
E770091 - MN Zoo COVID-19 Recovery	\$11,495,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
E37C040 - Strengthen Adult Basic Education Programming	\$10,000,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
H552162 - #3 – Shelter Facility	\$10,000,000	-	-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
J330ARP - District Court – Case Backlog	\$9,961,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B34022A - Emergency Rental Assistance (Administration)	\$7,000,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H552228 - Child Care Basic Sliding Fee Waitlist	\$7,000,000	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
H552229 - Ramsey County Sheltering	\$6,000,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
H552108 - School Linked Mental Health Grant	\$5,976,000	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
H12CW1R – COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives	\$5,538,929	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
B34022B - Emergency Rental Assistance – Grant	\$5,000,000	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	Yes
H552230 - Food Support II	\$5,000,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
P784297 - Crisis Management via Incentives	\$4,900,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G100140 - Enterprise Resource Planning Systems	\$4,857,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H12CW8R – COVID-19 Response Staffing	\$4,500,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H552235 - Intermediate School District Mental Health Innovation Grant Program	\$4,300,000	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
E37C045 - Education Partnership Program	\$4,000,000	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-
G021350 - Enterprise Planning ARPA	\$4,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J521294 - Public Defense Board – Case Backlog	\$3,945,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B221468 - Science Museum Operations	\$3,798,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G063015 - COVID-19 Residual Work, Community Strengthening, and Recovery Project	\$3,570,750	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
E603220 - Certified Nursing Assistance – OHE	\$3,274,933	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
E37C043 - Expanded Access to Tutoring	\$3,250,000	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
G021351 - Workers Compensation ARPA	\$3,175,000	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-
B048C41 - Expanded Meal Access	\$3,000,000	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
B048C42 - Hunger Relief	\$3,000,000	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-



Project Name	Funding	Children	Employees	Employers	Families	Health Care Providers	Law Enforcement	Students	Teachers	Tenants
G021349 - State Parking Facilities ARPA	\$3,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H12CW7R - Rapid at Home Testing Program II	\$2,510,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
H12CV5R – COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives	\$2,500,000	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
H552193 - Mental Health Support for Children Experiencing Crisis	\$2,500,000	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H552233 - Transition Children in Behavioral Health Crisis (repurpose)	\$2,500,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H12CW3R - Rapid at Home Test Program	\$2,490,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
H12CZ6R - Adult Vaccines & Telehealth	\$2,411,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P075523 - Civil Unrest Deficiency	\$2,205,214	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H601755 - Exchange Modernization	\$1,969,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G021360 - Workers Compensation III ARPA	\$1,953,000	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-
P076G13 - Survivor Support Grants	\$1,812,727	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
H552232 - Hennepin County Shelter	\$1,800,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
R297013 - Public Safety Response	\$1,730,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G100134 - COVID-19 Response Accountability Office	\$1,582,655	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E37C047 - Early Learning	\$1,500,000	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-
E37C063 - Grow Your Own	\$1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
E603211 - Workforce Stabilization Administration	\$1,500,000	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G021361 - State Parking Facilities II ARPA	\$1,358,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E603200 - Summer Academic Enrichment and Intervention for College Attendance Programs (SEAP ICAP)	\$1,125,000	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
P784296 - Staff Overtime Bonus Pay	\$1,099,159	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B224915 - Paid Family Medical Leave Study	\$1,000,000	-	Yes	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
E37C044 - Girl Scouts ConnectZ	\$1,000,000	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
E37C048 - Expanded Life Skills	\$1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
P071GS3 - Gun Safety	\$1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P073053 - BCA Efforts Against Violent Crimes	\$1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-
P075593 - MSP Aviation Support	\$1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-
G021352 - Small Business Development ARPA	\$960,000	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The State of Minnesota is committed to delivering a strong and equitable recovery from the pandemic for all residents. Minnesota worked to prioritize economic and racial equity through program design and implementation strategies, equitable access to and distribution of funds, and awareness and engagement outreach to communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Additional project-specific efforts to promote equity have been focused on closing gaps to support priority populations including children, families,



BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) individuals, the unemployed, the formerly incarcerated, veterans, and people with disabilities.

*Equitable Program Design*

Program-specific equity strategies crosscut agencies, and in some cases included strong designs to reach historically underserved communities (refer to Table 3). For example, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) served children with one or more risk factors or who may not have been able to attend a high-quality early childhood program due to COVID-19. MDE defines historically underserved as:

- Students of color or American Indian students
- Students eligible for free or reduced-price meals
- Students receiving special education services
- Students who are English Learners
- Students experiencing homelessness

**Table 3. Equity in Design**

Program	Strategies to Prioritize Equity
B048C41: Expanded Meal Access	Organizations are prioritized that have demonstrated their commitment to sourcing from Minnesota producers and processors and investing in serving BIPOC populations which are at a greater risk for hunger. Meals are targeted towards people who are unhoused, people with disabilities, and adults ages 18-60, who are often not eligible for other reimbursable meals.
B048C42: Hunger Relief	Food distribution is prioritized through the emergency food system, which targets disadvantaged communities and often have means-based criteria for households to receive food.
B24022B: Emergency Rental Assistance	The Emergency Rental Assistance program (RentHelpMN) was designed and implemented around several race/equity principles and values. Nearly two-thirds of applicants identified as Black, Indigenous or People of Color.
E37C040: Strengthening Adult Basic Education Programming	All participants in Adult Basic Education programs fall into one or more of the following categories: English language learners, low levels of literacy, or facing cultural barriers to employment. Many were otherwise unable to complete their high school education through the K-12 system. Approximately 80 percent of students served by ABE annually identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color, one-third have self-identified as being low-income, and approximately one-half are immigrants or refugees.
E37C041: Summer Preschool	To meet the equity-related goals of the Summer Preschool project, a set of priority populations was developed. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children in foster care, under child protection, experiencing homelessness, tribally enrolled, or the children of teenage parents</li> <li>• Children at risk for or currently receiving supports and services such as Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) or English language learners</li> </ul>

Program	Strategies to Prioritize Equity
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children qualifying for free and reduced-price lunch or other public assistance programs that demonstrate a household income of 185 percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines</li> </ul>
E37C042: Academic and Mental Health Supports	60 percent of these funds were allocated based on a formula that prioritized historically underserved students.
E37C043: Expanding Access to Tutoring	Entities applying to the Expanding Access to Tutoring program are evaluated based on their percentage of historically underserved students and will have outcomes focused on closing gaps which widened during the pandemic.
E37C044: Girl Scout ConnectZ	90 percent of students served are students of color or eligible for free and reduced lunch.
E37C047: SFRF Early Learning	<i>Reach Out and Read</i> and <i>Parent Child+</i> serve racially diverse, low-income families, and families living in poverty.
E603200: Summer Academic Enrichment Program Intervention for College Attendance Program	<p>Programming prepares low-income students and students of color for college in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Priority populations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low-income</li> <li>First generation college students</li> <li>Students of color and/or American Indian students</li> </ul>
G021352: Small Business Development	This project serves Targeted Group Businesses (businesses owned by minorities, women, people with substantial disabilities, and veterans) as well as businesses in economically disadvantaged areas.
H12CV9R: COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives	Priority populations include communities of color, American Indian communities, LGBTQ communities, and Minnesotans with disabilities.
H12CW1R: COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives	Priority populations include communities of color, American Indian communities, LGBTQ communities, and Minnesotans with disabilities.
H12CW3R: Rapid At Home Test Program	This project was designed to provide tests to those with barriers for accessing COVID-19 tests. Tests were distributed broadly through Local Public Health, Tribal Health, COVID-19 Community Coordinators, food shelves and shelters and jails.
H12CW7R: Rapid At Home Testing Prog II	This project was designed to provide tests to those with barriers for accessing COVID-19 tests. Tests were distributed broadly through Local Public Health, Tribal Health, COVID-19 Community Coordinators, food shelves and shelters and jails.
H12CW9R: Community Based Testing	This project was to strengthen Minnesota’s testing program distributing rapid over the counter and point of care tests and pop-up/hot spot testing for a variety of high-risk settings and populations including congregate settings such as long-term care, group homes, residential facilities, homeless shelters, corrections facilities, childcare facilities, and congregate care settings. It was also used to expand and maintain our semi-permanent testing sites providing barrier free access to those Minnesotans needing access to testing.
H552108: School-Linked Mental Health Grants	This project provides evidence-based mental health services to students with a mental health condition, an underserved population.
H552162: #3 Shelter	This project supports people who experience homelessness, about 58 percent of whom are non-white.

Program	Strategies to Prioritize Equity
H552198: Food Support Grant	This project supports hunger relief efforts in historically underinvested communities; about 32 percent of Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity and accessing food shelves self-identify as non-white.
PO76U13: Violence Intervention	This project addresses immediate public safety needs resulting from the pandemic, which had a disproportionate impact on communities of color.

### *Equitable Goals and Implementation*

Minnesota continues to focus on providing an equitable recovery that benefits all people living and working in the state. Equity-related goals for current projects aim to **close gaps** and **reach universal levels of service** for underserved, marginalized, or adversely impacted communities. The initiatives below were chosen to meet those goals:

#### **Closing Gaps:**

- *Expanded Meal Access and Hunger Relief* projects aim to close hunger gaps among populations most at risk for food insecurity.
- *Summer Preschool* supports children before they enter kindergarten, and specifically those who have experienced life circumstances that may have prevented them from being able to attend a high-quality early childhood program due to COVID-19. Children meeting one of the priority populations listed above and those who had minimal or interrupted early learning experience were prioritized.
- *School-Linked Mental Health* programming closes gaps by bringing services to students, reducing barriers to access, and has resulted in a 23 percent increase in service utilization by students. The *Food Support Grant* closes gaps by prioritizing funding to Black, Indigenous, and people of color populations, which have felt the economic effects of the pandemic most acutely.
- The *Violence Intervention* grant program supports organizations serving victims of crime, with a priority on youth, young adult, and family antiviolence outreach programs in areas with highest rates of violent crime.

#### **Reaching Universal Levels of Service:**

- *COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive* programs focused on removing the administrative barriers to partner organizations. Contracts supported eight clinics and 17 culturally specific community-based organizations, which provide disaggregated data by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions.
- *The Academic and Mental Health Support* program is intended to provide academic enrichment and mental health for students, families, educators, communities, and schools across Minnesota, with an emphasis on historically underserved students and those needing special education services.
- *Adult Basic Education* funding is intended to enhance the preexisting program and expand its impact among adults who have aged out of the K-12 system or were otherwise unable to

complete their high school level education through the K-12 system and face cultural employment barriers.

- The *Expanding Access to Tutoring* program intentionally prioritizes historically underserved students and supports access to tutoring as Minnesota recovers from the pandemic.

### *Equitable Access and Distribution*

Using outreach and engagement strategies outlined in the next section, Minnesota provided equitable access to funds. A few of the projects specifically aimed at getting funds to areas and populations where they were needed most are detailed below:

- *Expanded Meal Access* made funds available throughout the state using a methodology which ensured a fair and equitable distribution of funds to a variety of organizations geographically dispersed.
- The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) constructed a [list of Summer Preschool funded programs](#) and an [interactive map](#) for families to find programs with *Summer Preschool* funds in their area. The list and map include contact information for each program, so families can contact programs in their area to see if they have Summer Preschool seats available. MDE also created a Summer Preschool flyer for families and translated it into Amharic, Hmong, Karen, Oromo, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- *The Academic and Mental Health Supports* program funding was distributed to public school districts and charter schools based on average daily membership and concentration of historically underserved students, with an emphasis on students receiving special education services.
- *Adult Basic Education* program funds were distributed among 39 Adult Education consortia, which together cover the entire state and provide services to individuals at more than 300 sites across the state.
- Services funded by the *Expanding Access to Tutoring* program are targeted toward historically underserved communities, and services are most likely to be offered in underserved communities.
- *COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives* provided staffing to assist smaller and/or immigrant organizations to complete the funding application and contract; community-based organizations then worked to reduce barriers to services at community testing and vaccination sites.
- *Food Support Grant* programming increased the number of eligible food shelf users by supporting delivery and transportation costs and investing in equipment needed to support food insecure Minnesotans more effectively.

## **Community Engagement**

### *General ARP Outreach*

In prioritizing public engagement and community outreach to determine Minnesota's use of ARP funds, the state created a public-facing information website and conducted a series of ten online events during 2021. Engagement events were held in partnership with a variety of community groups including the Urban Native Leaders, Latino Lead, NAACP, Tribal Nations, culturally specific COVID-19 Community Coordinators, public school

districts, charter schools, grantees, local public health departments, and others to collaborate on ways to raise awareness of ARP funded opportunities, share best practices for fund use, and solicit community feedback on how the state could use these funds.

### *Engagement Efforts with Underserved Groups*

- The State of Minnesota and MDE recognized the importance of gathering ideas and feedback from parents, caregivers, and students on the use of the ARP education funds, especially from traditionally underrepresented groups and communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The public comment period effort included a survey that was available in English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish, and offered special instructions for Karen native speakers to submit feedback. The survey generated more than 4,000 comments. Learn more about MDE's community engagement in [American Rescue Plan in Minnesota: Community Engagement](#).
- *Summer Preschool* conducted a series of meetings, held at a variety of times, in advance of the release of the application. Representatives from early learning programs, school districts, Head Start organizations, and advocates for children and families participated in these meetings. These sessions focused on presenting the application process, answering questions, and creating space for conversations to elicit community perspectives.
- The *Girl Scout ConnectZ* program solicited feedback from participants in its pilot program to engage the community they serve, primarily comprised of students of color from low-income backgrounds.
- The *Expanded Meal Access* program awarded funds to sub-recipients using a competitive grant process, reviewed by community-based organizations.
- The *Hunger Relief* program purchased culturally appropriate food based on client demand.
- The Office of Higher Education (OHE) captured constructive feedback from grantees through qualitative data collection and requested feedback on how to be more supportive of the grantees' work. Outreach tactics included social media, direct notification to eligible students and collaboration with stakeholder groups representing underserved communities.
- MDH advertised through local health departments, Tribal Nations, and community-based organizations through social media and event-based dialogue.

### *Raising Awareness of Funding Opportunities*

State agencies employed a wide range of outreach approaches to raise awareness of funding opportunities available to the following groups:

- Public school districts
- Charter schools and other eligible institutions
- Child Care Aware of Minnesota and local Child Care Aware agencies
- Early learning scholarship area administrators
- Preschool development hubs
- Community Solution grantees that have direct relationships with families
- County and tribal childcare assistance workers
- Early learning scholarship administrators

Outreach efforts for specific projects included:

- *Expanded Meal Access* promoted the food grant opportunity via the Feeding America network and various community partners throughout the state.
- *Girl Scouts ConnectZ* partnered with MDE and lawmakers to ensure populations were aware of the opportunity and conducted engagement surveys.
- *Workforce Stabilization Grants* were publicized through college partners, Future Together ambassadors, and a variety of post-secondary stakeholder groups.
- *Nursing Assistant Initiative* planned a marketing campaign tailored to the student population, parents, school counselors, teachers, and faculty to increase community engagement and leverage agency resources.
- *Small Business Development* built awareness of its services through outreach and partnerships with community organizations.

### *Statewide Impact*

As a result of strategic public engagement efforts and community-based feedback, the ARP funds had statewide impact – serving many types of people, professions, and employers.

## Use of Evidence

Minnesota is [a national leader](#) in identifying, using, and creating rigorous evidence of effectiveness of social programs. In 2015, Minnesota developed a [definition](#) of “evidence-based practices” and began to evaluate whether there was an evidence-basis for select programs operated by the state. Since then, the state identified services in nine sectors and high-quality research that supports these programs. The findings of these reviews – totaling more than 730 programs – are publicly available in the [Minnesota Inventory](#). Minnesota also conducted a [novel analysis](#) of the demographics of people participating in evidence-based programs to help better understand if or how the impacts vary by race, ethnicity, income, education, and sex. Over the last few years, Minnesota has integrated evidence-based decision-making into large-scale evaluations of grant programs and budget development processes. Minnesota also established an [Impact Evaluation Unit](#) to study programs that have a strong logic model and indicators of success but have not yet been rigorously evaluated. The state has solidified a culture of generating impact by prioritizing evidence and has been cited by multiple national organizations as a leader in this area.

State agencies are encouraged to use the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to promote the use of evidence-based interventions and conduct rigorous impact evaluations. Agencies report information annually to the COVID-19 Response Accountability Office to fulfill federal reporting requirements. Reporting includes the goals of the project, whether funds are being used for evidence-based interventions, and the details of any planned evaluations.

Since 2021, an estimated \$2.36 billion of the State Fiscal Recovery Funds supported 67 unique evidence-based practices implemented by just over 1,000 subrecipients. Specific strategies regarding the use of evidence in current programs are included in the Project Inventory section of this report.

## Labor Practices

Minnesota has not allocated ARP-funds for infrastructure projects. The state will provide information related to labor practices in future reports, if applicable.

## Performance Report

Performance indicators through June 30, 2023, for selected projects are listed in the table below. As performance data becomes available for current projects, it will be compiled and included in future reports.

**Table 4. Performance Indicators** (as of June 30, 2023)

Project	Performance Indicators	Progress to Date
B048C41: Expanded Meal Access	Number of meals served; number of households/individuals receiving meals	Total meals served: 125,134

Project	Performance Indicators	Progress to Date
B048C42: Hunger Relief	Pounds of food purchased	Pounds of milk purchased: 0 Pounds of meat purchased: 33,685 Pounds of produce purchased: 19,598 <b>Total pounds of food purchased: 106,530</b>
E37C038 - 21027 SFRF Certified Nursing	Number of new Certified Nursing Assistant program sites in MN school districts	8 MN school districts purchased equipment, curriculum, and hired 8 new teachers in the 22-23 school year. Over twenty-five long term care facilities have connected with the school district in their region partnering alongside coursework to provide clinical sites, and potential job opportunities. Enrolled 183 students in course work between November 2022 and August 2023. With an additional 150+ to start training in the fall of 2023.
E37C039: Staff Support Package	Number of paraprofessional tests paid for Number of stipends for fall 2021 newly licensed teachers	Paraprofessional tests = 781 Teacher stipends = 936
E37C041: Summer Preschool	Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs (4- or 5-year-olds who were kindergarten eligible in the 2020-21 school year, received a minimum of 100 instructional hours in summer 2021, or age 3 or under/age NA that benefited from summer preschool)	<b>5-year-olds served: 346</b> <b>4-year-olds served: 6,257</b> (Of those served, 3,543 were in a priority category) <b>Age 3 or under (or age NA) served: 830</b>
E37C043: Expanding Access to Tutoring	Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs	Of three completed programs, 294 students have been served; 16 programs are continuing through June 2024
E37C044: Girl Scout ConnectZ	Number of students served	Number of students served: 1,402
E27C045 - 21027 SFRF Education Partner	Number of students served	Data not yet available
E37C047: Early Learning	Number of children served	Parent Child+ and the Greater MN partner sites served 277 children. In FY 23, Reach Out and Read grew to its largest size ever and was active in 299 clinics. An estimated total of 184,711 children were served through this program.
E37C048 - 21027 SFRF Expanded Life Skill	Number of students with disabilities served	<b>Students with disabilities served: 24</b>



Project	Performance Indicators	Progress to Date
E37C063 - 21027 SFRF Grow Your Own	# of grants awarded Amount of funding awarded Amount of awarded funding providing teacher exploration or preparation experiences	# grants awarded = 7 Amount of funding awarded = 1,241,000 Amount of award providing teacher exploration or preparation experiences = Incomplete, as grantees are still submitting FRFs. \$408,158.71 so far.
E603220: Certified Nursing Assistance – OHE	Number of students who have completed their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training and passed examinations	<b>Total students served: 1,036</b>
E603210: Workforce Stabilization Grants	Number of grants awarded to students (cumulative)	<b>Total students served: 9,044</b>
H12CV9R: COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives	Number of incentives awarded	<b>Incentives awarded: ~18,000</b>
H12CW1R: COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives	Number of incentives awarded	<b>Incentives awarded: 25,000 in 2021; No additional progress in 2022</b>
H12CW9R: Community Based Testing	Number of COVID-19 tests distributed and/or administered	<b>Tests distributed/administered: 1,160,000 (approximately)</b>
H12CZ6R - Adult Vaccines & Telehealth	Number of telehealth visits and numbers of adult vaccines provided	Telehealth visits: 1,400 (approximately) Adult vaccines: No activity until Fall 2023
H751VHN: Veteran Homeless Navigator	Number of former service members enrolled into the Outreach Program	Former service members enrolled: 127
J330ARP - American Rescue Plan	1. Backlog reduction 2. Estimated additional judicial hours to eliminate backlog 3. Other case type clearance rates - are the courts maintaining clearance rates (dispositions/filings) to avoid backlogs in other case areas? Goal is 100%.	1. Backlog reduction June 1, 2022 backlog: 9,834 June 1, 2023 backlog: 3,451 Net decrease in backlog: 6,383 cases 2. Estimated additional judicial hours to eliminate backlog June 1, 2022: 29,950 hours June 1, 2023: 16,963 hours Net decrease in judicial hours needed to resolve backlog: 12,987 hours 3. Other case backlogs (June 1, 2022 - June 1, 2023) Major Civil: 100% Major Juvenile: 101% Major Probate: 98% Major Family: 101% Minor Civil: 104% Minor Criminal: 101%

Project	Performance Indicators	Progress to Date
H552108 - School Link MH Grant	The number of students with a mental health condition receiving school-linked mental health (SLMH) services returns to or exceeds pre-pandemic levels.	A 14.3% increase in the number of students with a mental health condition that received school-linked mental health (SLMH) services.
H552162 - #3 - Shelter	Number of emergency homeless service providers mitigating the spread of COVID-19 by maintaining needed staffing levels, operating isolation/quarantine space, and purchasing PPE and other mitigation-related supplies.	31 providers funded
H552161 - #4 -Shelter Facility	<p>Number of new or renovated emergency homeless shelter beds, improving the safety and quality of shelter capacity to keep people safe throughout the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., improving air quality/air flow, increasing the number of beds available, etc.).</p> <p>Number of children and families experiencing homelessness who receive safe emergency shelter in Ramsey County during and after the Covid-19 public health emergency.</p> <p>Number of single individuals experiencing homelessness who receive safe emergency shelter in Ramsey County during and after the Covid-19 public health emergency.</p>	<p>150+ beds (8 shelters) were created or renovated through a competitive RFP process</p> <p>77 children in 35 families experiencing homelessness received safe emergency shelter in Ramsey County.</p> <p>1808 single individuals experiencing homelessness received safe emergency shelter in Ramsey County</p>
H552235 – ISD MH Grants	Increase staffing and supportive services, specifically for students with a mental health condition, within the 4 Intermediate School Districts	Increased educational staff at 4 Intermediate sites with approximately 22.14 FTE within their districts to support the mental health needs of students. Positions include increased time of counselors, family therapists, clinical supervisors, classroom therapists, restorative practice coordinator, behavior analysts,

Project	Performance Indicators	Progress to Date
H552228 - Basic Sliding Fee	Number of additional families and children receiving child care assistance in the Basic Sliding Fee Program.	Total additional number of families served: approximately 340 families and 680 children in calendar year 2023.
H552229 – Ramsey County Shelter	Number of single individuals experiencing homelessness who receive safe emergency shelter at Avivo Village in Hennepin County during and after the Covid-19 public health emergency.	146 single individuals experiencing homelessness received safe emergency shelter at Avivo Village in Hennepin County.

## Project Inventory

This section provides a closer look at each of the SFRF funded projects, including project name and identification number, populations directly served by the project, funding amount, project expenditure category, and a brief description of the project. The description includes an overview of the main activities of the project, an expected completion date, and a section on any evidence-based interventions supported by the project.

### B222230 – Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund

 Employers

**Funding amount:** \$2,324,175,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 2.8: Contributions to UI Trust Funds

*Project overview:*

- Minnesota Session Laws 2022, Chapter 50, provided for the repayment of Title 12 Advances and replenishment of the UI Trust Fund. An appropriation of \$2,324,175,000 was made to pay down the amount owed and replenish the UI Trust Fund, enabling the legislature to forgo increasing tax rates for taxpaying employers.
- This project is expected to be completed by Sept. 30, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: Unemployment Insurance
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$2,324,175,000

### B048C41 - Expanded Meal Access

 Families

**Funding amount:** \$3,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides food and meals to people experiencing increased food insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We estimate up to 300,000 fully prepared meals with an approximate value of 7 to 8 meals will be made available as a result of this funding. The dispersal of meals will be targeted towards populations such as the unhoused adults ages 18-60 and families for times when other Federal meals are less available and for individuals with disabilities. Meals will be incremental – they will not be replacing a meal funded through another Federal program. The MDA has awarded a contract to Second Harvest Heartland (SHH) who will identify and award subagreements to organizations that have the capacity to serve the identified populations and are able to tailor meals to cultural, religious, and dietary needs of the populations served.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **B048C42 - Hunger Relief**

 Families

**Funding amount:** \$3,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project Overview:*

- This project provides funding for Second Harvest Heartland (SHH) on behalf of other Feeding America food banks serving Minnesota and The Food Group. The funds are being used to purchase food for distribution through food shelf partners and similar organizations across the state. Foods that will be eligible for purchase using these funds will include milk, meat, other protein and produce. Purchased food will be distributed to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity through both SHH and The Food Group's networks of community-based organizations. The Department of Agriculture has established priority areas that will require sub-recipients to purchase 50 percent of total food purchases from Minnesota producers and processors and provide goals for culturally appropriate food sourcing and purchases. These priority areas will allow funding to serve the dual purpose of supporting hunger relief and Minnesota's agricultural community.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1

- EBPs supported by this project: Increase healthy food access at food shelves
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$2,058,256
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 0

## **B221468 - Science Museum Operations**

 Employees

**Funding amount:** \$3,798,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provided support for the reinvestment in human capital and aided in the recovery of the general operations and programming which were significantly impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This project was completed on Oct. 6, 2021.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **B221AMC - ARP Movie Convention Center Grant**

 Employers

**Funding amount:** \$237,866

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services


*Project overview:*

- The Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) oversaw the Convention Center Relief Grant (CCRG) Program and the Movie Theater Relief Grant Program. This temporary program was established to provide economic relief for convention centers and movie theatres adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This project was completed on March 15, 2021.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **B224915 – Paid Family Medical Leave Study**

 Employees  Families

**Funding amount:** \$1,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- A study to evaluate a paid family medical leave proposal to determine if it is feasible and if so how to implement.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

**B34022A – Emergency Rental Assistance – Administration**

 Employees

**Funding amount:** \$7,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provided support in implementation and operations of COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance, also known as RentHelpMN.
- Minnesota Housing received two federal rounds of this new, federal Emergency Rental Assistance totaling around \$550 million. Administrative funding for the first round of funding was limited to 10 percent.
- The funding supported the range of activities required to process over 100,000 applications and process nearly \$450 million in payments. This included a statewide call center, 28 community Field Partners working across the state, centralized application and payment processing, Minnesota Housing staff and technology for a new, statewide application system.
- 67 percent of applicants identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Color and 90 percent of applicants identify as having incomes less than 50 percent Area Median Income.
- The project was completed on Feb. 7, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

**B34022B – Emergency Rental Assistance – Grant**

 Families  Tenants

**Funding amount:** \$5,000,000

*Project overview:*

- This project funds emergency rental assistance applications received prior to the closing of RentHelpMN (emergency rental assistance) program that could not be funded with the existing Emergency Rental Assistance funding. The funding may also be used for additional months of assistance beyond the maximum 18 months allowed under federal law to provide additional housing assistance. Up to 15 percent of the direct assistance provided by \$5 million may be used for administrative costs to process applications and payments.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **B421014 - Frontline Worker Pay IT Solution Discovery**

**Funding Amount:** \$100,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project was used to scope an IT solution for the frontline worker pay program in advance of it being finalized by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor. It conducted the discovery for the IT system in advance put the administration in the best position to quickly and efficiently distribute money to eligible frontline workers. The overall goal of the project was to scope out an easy-to-use solution that would collect applications from frontline workers, determine eligibility, configure a call center, distribute payments to eligible workers, and provide reporting functionality. This request was for phase one of the project. Phase 2 will be the implementation phase and is dependent on final legislation.
- This project was completed on March 22, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **E37C038 - Certified Nursing Assistant - MDE**

Children
  Employees
  Students

**Funding Amount:** \$150,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The State of Minnesota has set a goal to train at least 1,000 new certified nursing assistants to help Minnesota healthcare facilities experiencing staffing shortages. The effort is a partnership between state government colleges and community organizations led by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. The goal is to address the workforce shortage needs in long term care facilities across the state by granting

funds for the startup costs to establish new high school CNA programs in any district that does not already have a CNA program. The initiative funds will cover approved equipment supplies and curriculum costs to establish the new CNA classrooms.

- This project is expected to be completed by Dec. 30, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$100
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 10

### **E37C039 - Staff Support Package**

■ Employees ■ Employers ■ Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$610,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- School districts and charter schools are experiencing unprecedented staffing issues while trying to balance maintaining education and student support services with the health and safety of students and staff. There is a need for additional substitute teachers, full-time licensed teachers, paraprofessionals, and bus drivers across the state. This multi-prong approach seeks to support shortages in each of those areas.
- Teacher exams and first teacher licenses can be cost prohibitive for newly graduated teachers. \$455,000 would fully fund the costs of the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exam MTLE and First Professional Teacher License for approximately 700 of the Fall 2021 College of Education graduates. The MTLE cost for basic skills test and content test is estimated at \$500; the First Professional Teacher License is \$150.
- Paraprofessionals play a critical role in supporting student learning. Supporting paraprofessionals is key to supporting students. The ParaPro and ParaEducator assessments measure paraprofessional skills and knowledge in reading math and writing along with the ability to apply those skills to assist in classroom instruction. Staff who have ParaPro certification are often paid a higher wage and can also teach in Title I classrooms at an approximate cost between \$55 and \$91 per exam depending on location. \$100,000 will provide the ParaPro Assessment to between 1,100 and 1,800 prospective and practicing paraprofessionals.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 15, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **E37C040 - Strengthen Adult Basic Education Programming**



■ Employees ■ Students ■ Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$10,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project aims to expand Adult Basic Education (ABE) programming statewide to ensure access to, enhance quality of and increase the ABE programming available. Adult education providers that are approved by the Minnesota Department of Education received this funding to use from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Funding was allocated through a grant process and 39 current Minnesota ABE consortia have been approved.
- This project is expected to be completed by Aug. 31, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: GED certificate option

### **E37C041 - Summer Preschool for 4- and 5-Year-Olds**

■ Children ■ Families ■ Students ■ Teachers

**Funding Amount:** \$20,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides summer preschool or prekindergarten to children ages 4-5 years old. These funds are available to Three or Four-star rated public or private preschool or prekindergarten in-person learning programs. These high-quality early learning programs are known to help children develop their social-emotional skills before they begin kindergarten. The purpose of Summer Preschool Funding is to support children before they enter kindergarten and specifically those who have experienced life circumstances that may have prevented them from being able to attend a high-quality early childhood program due to COVID-19.
- This project is expected to be completed by Aug. 31, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 5
- EBPs supported by this project: Academically-focused summer learning programs; Early learning programs: Head Start; Early learning programs: State-funded early childhood education programs; Early learning programs: State-funded early childhood education programs for low-income households; Parent Aware Quality Rating and Improvement System

## E37C042 - Academic & Mental Health Support for Schools and Districts

 Children  Students  Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$34,614,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project supports students in the summer (both in 2021 and 2022) and is divided into four areas: field trips with hands-on activities, community-based summer school programs, summer mentoring and tutoring programs, and mental health and well being supports to students in summer programs.
- This project is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 5
- EBPs supported by this project: Social Emotional Learning curricula; Dual or alternative enrollment programs; Alternative Highschool Programs; Academically-focused summer learning programs; School counselors; Tutoring: By adults
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$8,471,934
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 541

## E37C043 - Expanded Access to Tutoring

 Children  Students

**Funding amount:** \$3,250,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides funding to support access to tutoring for kindergarten through grade 12 students as Minnesota recovers from the pandemic. Grant funds may include but are not limited to: mental health services and supports; social emotional and physical health supports; summer learning or enrichment programs; or other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation and continuity of services in youth development and education, prioritizing the needs of historically underserved groups.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 8
- EBPs supported by this project: School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS); Social Emotional Learning curricula; Academically-focused summer learning programs; Afterschool

programs: Enrichment or extra-curricular activities; Afterschool programs: General Programs; Afterschool programs: Physical activity; Leveled Literacy Intervention; School counselors

- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$3,011,891
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 20

### E37C044 - Girl Scouts ConnectZ

 Children  Students

**Funding amount:** \$1,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides programming focused on social emotional learning and leadership by providing underserved girls in low-income communities access to experiences they otherwise likely would not have the opportunity to access. Their focus on leadership and connection provides girls a chance to receive support from mentors and role models while they learn life skills and experience various social emotional learning opportunities.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 2
- EBPs supported by this project: Social Emotional Learning curricula; Afterschool programs: General Programs
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$400,000
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 0

### E37C045 - Education Partnership Program

 Children  Employees  Families  Students

**Funding amount:** \$4,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The intent of the Education Partnerships program is to establish a coalition of coordinated, aligned education partnerships to form a comprehensive network of evidence-based support services. These services are designed to close opportunity gaps and improve educational and developmental outcomes of children and their families within communities experiencing poverty and impediments to economic viability. The Education Partnerships Coalition includes eight communities in Minnesota: Austin Aspires, Cradle to Career Rochester, Every Hand Joined Red Wing, Generation Next Minneapolis, St Paul



Northfield Promise, the Minneapolis Northside Achievement Zone, Partners for Student Success St. Cloud, and the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood.

- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 2
- EBPs supported by this project: Reach Out and Read; Afterschool programs: Enrichment or extra-curricular activities
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$200,000
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 8

### **E37C046 - Pandemic Enrollment Aid**

 Children  Students  Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$29,191,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services


*Project overview:*

- This project provides additional declining enrollment revenue for district charter schools and tribal contract schools to account for lost revenue due to enrollment losses for the 2020-2021 school year. The allocation is based on the declining enrollment pupil units between FY 2020 and FY 2021 (July 1 – June 30). The funding supports services for students that may have been foregone due to the budget losses.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **E37C047 - Early Learning**

 Children  Families  Health Care Providers

**Funding Amount:** \$1,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project funds two early learning programs that support language communication and literacy skills. The Reach Out and Read program partners with medical professionals to provide children with developmentally appropriate books and gives parents guidance and encouragement on reading with their children. ParentChild is a free intensive home visiting program for families with children ages 2-4.

Additionally, the project includes the implementation of the ParentChild Family Childcare FCC Model which provides comparable services to family childcare providers and allows a broader community reach. All programs serve racially diverse and low income families.

- This project is expected to be completed by Sept. 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 3
- EBPs supported by this project: Early learning programs: Early Head Start; Reach Out and Read; Early learning programs: Head Start

### **E37C048 - Expanded Life Skills**

 Students  Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$1,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides support to school districts in increasing vocational and life skills opportunities supported by evidence-based practices. The goal is to allow for transition programs serving students with disabilities ages 18-21 to increase their vocational and life skills programming. Districts applied for grants up to \$190,000.
- This project is expected to be completed by Sept. 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **E37C060 - Compensatory Free and Reduced Price Lunch**

 Children  Students  Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$11,530,430

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Compensatory revenue is attributable to the reporting extension authorized by Minnesota Session Laws – 2020, 7th Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 6. Compensatory revenue for each school site is calculated based on the number of students enrolled in the school on October 1 of each year who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Eligibility must be determined by December 15 of each year. Minnesota Session Laws 2020 extended the deadline to January 4, 2021, for purposes of generating compensatory revenue for fiscal year FY 2022. The amount of compensatory revenue for each school

site and district that is attributable to the reporting extension and will be funded from available federal coronavirus relief funds.

- This project was completed on June 29, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **E37C063 - Grow Your Own**

 Students  Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$1,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- Funding was used to support existing Grow Your Own grant programs across Minnesota. MDE recommends funding for grants to school districts and charter schools to fund Grow Your Own programs that will diversify the educator workforce. Grantees will use funds to provide scholarships or stipends for adults to pursue a teaching license or for secondary students to explore teaching careers. This will have a specific focus on students and adults of color and American Indian students and adults.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **E37C072 - ARP SFRF Food Support**

 Children  Families

**Funding amount:** \$100,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project supports immediate household food needs, to provide a nimble, fluid response to changing needs across the emergency food response system. This proposal would provide grant funds to food shelves, food banks, and meal programs, operated by community based organizations, Tribal Nations, and local units of government.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## E393015 - Staff Support Package

■ Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$144,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- These funds were allocated to provide the additional resources to increase the speed at which licenses can be processed, with a specific focus on increasing the issuing of short-call substitute teacher applications during the pandemic.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## E603200 – Summer Academic Enrichment and Intervention for College Attendance Programs (SEAP ICAP)

■ Children ■ Students

**Funding amount:** \$1,125,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Learning Loss Mitigation (LLM) Project provides funding to nonprofit organizations, postsecondary institutions and school districts to prepare low-income students and students of color for college in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. These organizations and institutions work directly with students, supporting them through middle school, high school, and the first year of college. Some of the service delivery methods include tutoring, mentoring, career awareness, events, standardized test preparation, financial wellness, social-emotional learning, college bridge programs, parent outreach, campus visits, and other academic and cultural opportunities.
- This project is expected to be completed by Aug. 31, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 9
- EBPs supported by this project: First-Year Experience Courses/Student Success Courses at 2-year institutions; Intrusive Advising with Case Management; Summer Bridge Programs; TRIO - Upward Bound; Academically-focused summer learning programs; Afterschool programs: Enrichment or extra-

curricular activities; Afterschool programs: General Programs; College advising provided by school counselors; College access programs

- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$494,940
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 10

## E603210 - Workforce Stabilization Grants

■ Employees ■ Students

**Funding amount:** \$33,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project addresses negative economic impacts by addressing the education and training needs of individuals in occupations most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These grants will provide economic benefit as the state recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing the number of Minnesotans with the credentials and training needed to stabilize our workforce while earning a family sustaining wage.
- This project is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: Need-based grants
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$4,950,000
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 2

## E603211 - Workforce Stabilization Administration

■ Employees

**Funding amount:** \$1,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Workforce Stabilization project addresses negative economic impacts by addressing the education and training needs of individuals in occupations most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These grants will provide economic benefit as the state recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing the number of Minnesotans with the credentials and training needed to stabilize our workforce while earning a family sustaining wage. There are two components of this project: grants and administration. The administrative portion includes staff salaries and other activities which support the higher education financial aid grants.



- This project is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **E603220 – Certified Nursing Assistance – OHE**

Children
  Employees
  Students

**Funding amount:** \$3,274,933

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The State of Minnesota has set a goal to train at least 1,000 new certified nursing assistants (CNAs) to help Minnesota healthcare facilities experiencing staffing shortages. Led by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, this statewide effort is a partnership between state agencies, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and other training providers. Students are recruited from across Minnesota communities, including disadvantaged communities, and receive training in programs located throughout Minnesota. After they complete their training and obtain their certifications, they will be employed throughout Minnesota, helping to alleviate staffing shortages felt in every region.
- This project is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: Adult Vocational Training
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$2,075,500
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 1

### **E770091 – MN Zoo COVID-19 Recovery**

Children
  Families
  Students
  Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$11,495,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project supports the Minnesota Zoo's recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Multiple closures, dramatically reduced capacity, and other pandemic-related effects reduced earned revenue which typically supports two-thirds of the Zoo's annual operating cost. This project sustains Zoo operations amidst the ongoing impact of COVID-19 surges, addresses animal collection issues and

deferred maintenance needs that were exacerbated by the pandemic, and provides resources to rebuild staffing, programs, and experiences that were drastically reduced due to the pandemic.

- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G021349 - State Parking Facilities ARPA**

**Funding amount:** \$3,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project supports Parking and Transit Services for state employees and visitors to the buildings under our custodial control. Parking options include contract and metered parking in surface lots, parking ramps and parking garages. Parking and Transit provides commuting options for tenants and visitors in the Capitol Complex and other buildings under the custodial control of the Department of Administration (Admin) Facilities Management Division (FMD). Services include:
  - Contract parking for customers who have a long-term need
  - Metered parking for customers who need short-term or intermittent parking
  - Discounted Metropass that allows cardholders unlimited access to regional buses and light rail trains
  - Low-cost bicycle lockers and cages and free bicycle racks
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G021350 - Enterprise Planning ARPA**

**Funding amount:** \$4,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project will allow the State of Minnesota to complete a comprehensive Facilities Strategic Plan for agency space consolidation reconfiguration and relocation. In March 2020, the state workforce began teleworking en masse in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As a result agencies are considering what their physical workspaces will look like in the future by implementing best practices for a safe work environment and deciding to reduce, consolidate or relocate their offices in response to changing ratios of on-site and remote work. This planning prepares the enterprise to provide critical services and information to Minnesotans while complying with safety protocols and promoting and protecting the

health of employees and visitors. The plan assesses the current and projected needs of state agencies along with the capacity of existing state-owned facilities and infrastructure. Critically it identifies needs for agencies to share space or to be near one another. The plan additionally develops strategies for ownership and leasing and identifies objectives for transportation management. Completing the plan is critical to helping agencies make good decisions about their space configurations.

- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G021351 - Workers Compensation ARPA**

 Employers

**Funding amount:** \$3,175,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This projects pays workers compensation claims for occupations in which COVID-19 is deemed a presumptive occupational disease under the COVID-19 workers compensation presumption. The MN Statute Occupations covered include licensed peace officers, firefighters, paramedics, or emergency medical technicians, nurses, or health care providers, and workers assistive employees in health care settings and corrections officers.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G021352 - Small Business Development ARPA**

 Employers

**Funding amount:** \$960,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project supports the Office of Equity in Procurement (OEP) in continuing to assist Targeted Group Businesses (TGB) in doing business with the state. TGBs are small businesses owned by minorities, women, people with substantial physical disabilities, and veterans as they seek state contracts. This project seeks to support OEP as it continues its work recruiting and vetting businesses for certification as TGBs as there is a direct correlation between the number of certified businesses and the amount of

money that the state spends with TGBs. The project focuses on maximizing the utility of the vendor portal for certifications. In-person and online outreach to businesses, business development and training development of procurement equity tools, increased vendor usage of TGB subcontractors and suppliers, and training agency personnel to increase state agencies use of TGBs on state contracts.

- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **G021353 - Workers Compensation II ARPA**

 Employers

**Funding amount:** \$750,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project pays workers compensation claims for occupations in which COVID-19 is deemed a presumptive occupational disease under the COVID-19 workers compensation presumption. The MN Statute Occupations covered include licensed peace officers, firefighters, paramedics or emergency medical technicians, nurses or health care providers, and workers assistive employees in health care settings and corrections officers.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **G021360 - Workers Compensation III ARPA**

 Employers

**Funding amount:** \$1,953,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project pays workers compensation claims for occupations in which COVID-19 is deemed a presumptive occupational disease under the COVID-19 workers compensation presumption in MN Statute. Occupations covered include licensed peace officers, firefighters, paramedics or emergency medical technicians, nurses or health care providers and workers, assistive employees in health care settings and corrections officers.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G021361 - State Parking Facilities ARPA II**

**Funding amount:** \$1,358,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- Parking services for state employees and visitors to the buildings under our custodial control. Parking options include contract and metered parking in surface lots, parking ramps and parking garages. Parking & Transit provides commuting options for tenants and visitors in the Capitol Complex and other buildings under the custodial control of the Department of Administration (Admin) Facilities Management Division (FMD). Services include:
  - Contract parking for customers who have a long-term need.
  - Metered parking for customers who need short-term or intermittent parking.
  - Discounted Metropass that allows cardholders unlimited access to regional buses and light rail trains.
  - Low-cost bicycle lockers and cages and free bicycle racks.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G029302 - N95 and KN95 Respirator Masks**

**Funding amount:** \$650,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- Purchase of adult and child masks to replenish the state stockpile and be prepared to supply high quality masks to non-healthcare settings.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G063015 – COVID-19 Residual Work, Community Strengthening, and Recovery Project**

 Families

**Funding amount:** \$3,570,750

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

- **PPE and Health Protection:** health protection measures for AGO employees.
- **Landlord Tenant & Outreach:** investigations and litigation to enforce state consumer-protection laws to protect communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Such areas of enforcement activity include: (1) landlords’ rental practices that have disparate impacts and/or segregated effects on tenants based on race and religion; (2) landlords’ failure to comply with lead-paint and asbestos protocols; (3) landlord’s illegal retention of security deposits; (4) landlords’ neglect in ensuring the homes they rent to tenants are habitable and comport with the representations they made to induce a tenant to rent from them; (5) landlords’ implementation of utility charges that do not comply with the utility-billing statutes; (6) manufactured-housing park owners’ compliance with the laws protecting park residents; and (7) any other illegal practice that harms tenants. We are also increasing our protection actions in other areas such as unsafe and unfair working conditions, discrimination, and other predatory behavior that harms BIPOC communities that have been hit the hardest by the pandemic. In addition to law enforcement efforts, the AGO is also doing targeted outreach, education, and assistance to communities and families disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 across the state.
- **COVID-19 Related Litigation and Investigation Costs:** litigation enforcing the Governor’s Executive Orders, continued litigation defending challenges to the Governor’s Executive Orders, and the defense of new anticipated lawsuits regarding the post-Peacetime Emergency handling of the pandemic. Other expected costs include investigation and enforcement of COVID-19 related scams, mortgage-foreclosure-related scams, supporting the Department of Public Safety’s Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division, and utility matters handled by the AGO’s Residential Utilities Division and the Consumer Action Division.
- These three projects are expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

**G100133 - State Employee COVID-19 Test Site**

**Funding amount:** \$934,307

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The funding covered the cost of administering testing to approximately 1,400 employees weekly. This site was available for state employees in the metro area. Beyond the cost of testing, other costs associated with this site included but were not limited to: additional staff support at the testing site, leasing of the testing space, and IT related costs including laptops, WAN/LAN network, and licensing.
- This project helped protect, to the extent reasonably possible, the health and safety of our employees and our customers from the direct threat resulting from the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and to members of the public, agency staff who are assigned to work at the workplace (rather than at-home

telework), wish to access the workplace for more than 10 minutes, or otherwise provide agency services outside of their home, and were required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status. All agency staff who were assigned to work at the workplace (rather than at-home telework) or who otherwise provide agency services outside of their home and did not submit proof of full COVID-19 vaccination were required to undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing at least weekly.

- This project was completed on May 24, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **G100134 – COVID-19 Response Accountability Office ARP Budget**

**Funding amount:** \$1,582,655

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The COVID-19 Response Accountability Office tracks and monitors COVID-19 related state appropriations and federal funds. The office coordinates budgeting, accounting, and internal controls within state government for COVID-19 funding.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **G100217 - Enterprise Leadership**

**Funding amount:** \$133,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- MMB continues to serve a significant enterprise leadership role during the COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of emergency planning, continuity of government, communications, budgeting and financial management, data driven decision-making, and state employee human resources and labor relations. MMB has conducted many of these activities within existing staffing levels. For some MMB business units, the COVID-19 response is so consuming that it has displaced other core statutory responsibilities. Moreover, MMB recognizes there are additional unmet needs related to the communication of COVID-19 planning and response to the state government enterprise that MMB could fulfill with additional resources. As the state moves into year three of its COVID-19 response, MMB believes it is important to acknowledge this "new normal" by increasing staffing capacity in the agency so that the agency can lead the enterprise on both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 issues.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G100140 - Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems Risk Reduction**

**Funding amount:** \$4,857,302

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- MMB owns and operates the state's enterprise resource planning (ERP) system. The ERP systems consist of the state accounting and procurement system (SWIFT), human resources, payroll, benefits, and recruiting system (SEMA4), the enterprise learning management system (ELM) and the data warehouse reporting system. These systems are used by state agencies in all three branches of government to conduct their essential daily business functions.
- Purchase a necessary software license that will also provide ongoing maintenance from the vendor.
- Provide staffing and contractor resources who will: upgrade the database to remove references to an off the shelf software and stabilize it as a custom developed database that can be kept current; apply the license and upgraded software; and analyze the impact to over 5,000 queries that transfer data from the ERP systems to the data warehouse.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **G100218 - ARP SFRF Single Audit**

**Funding amount:** \$75,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Single Audit is the annual single, coordinated audit of the state's spending of federal dollars. The audit is required under federal law and regulations. In Minnesota, beginning in FY 2022, the Single Audit is conducted by the Office of the State Auditor (OSA). Prior to FY 2022, it was conducted by the Office of the Legislative Auditor. MMB pays OSA for their work from a general fund appropriation. State statute requires MMB to then bill agencies' federal programs for the cost. These receipts are deposited in the general fund to offset MMB's appropriation. As the recipient of American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARP-SFRF) dollars on behalf of the State of Minnesota, MMB is required to pay the portion of the Single Audit bill attributable to all state enterprise spending in the ARP-SFRF. The first Single Audit bill containing an allocation to the ARP-SFRF will be invoiced in FY 2023. Without the funds



requested in this proposal, MMB does not have an appropriation available to pay for the estimated costs of the ARP-SFRF portion of the Single Audit in FY 2023.

- This proposal covers the estimated cost of the Single Audit attributable to ARP-SFRF spending by state agencies in FY 2021, which is audited by the OSA in FY 2022 and then billed back to the federal program in FY 2023. This cost estimate was provided by the OSA. This request ensures MMB has the funds available to pay the Single Audit bill as required under state statute. MMB intends to submit an ARP-SFRF supplemental budget request to cover Single Audit costs billed in FY 2024 through the end of the ARP spending eligibility period.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **G173015 – Enhanced COVID-19 Response**

**Funding amount:** \$500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project for Minnesota Department of Human Rights is to upgrade the technological infrastructure OnBase, to track intake calls especially as it relates to bias, discrimination, hate and other COVID-19 related issues. Additionally this project supports the department’s efforts to track demographics to better understand who is being impacted by COVID-19 related disability discrimination and ensure the overall technological infrastructure is in place for these investigations.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **G393015 – COVID-19 Response Staffing**

**Funding amount:** \$900,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor has ongoing responsibility to manage the response to COVID-19 and to work with and respond to the concerns of legislators, business leaders, civic leaders and constituents. This project provides funding for staff dedicated to the continued management of the state’s response to COVID-19. These staff work with agencies, the legislature, business leaders and civic leaders on Minnesota’s response to COVID-19.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **H12CV5R – COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives**

 Families

**Funding amount:** \$2,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project rewarded individuals who received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The main goal of this program was to increase the number of people vaccinated by rewarding individuals with a \$100 Visa gift card for receiving their first dose of any COVID-19 vaccine. The incentive program was intended to increase vaccination rates and subsequently reduce the incidence of COVID-19. We estimated for approximately 25,000 to take advantage of the program and received over 70,000 participants and submissions for a request for an incentive. We monitored the rate of change in our vaccination administration and the sign-ups for incentives on the website and increased awareness of the incentives.
- This project was completed on Aug. 15, 2021.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: COVID-19 Vaccines

## **H12CV9R – COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives**

 Families

**Funding amount:** \$13,800,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project rewarded individuals who received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The main goal of this program was to increase the number of people vaccinated by rewarding individuals with up to a \$100 Visa gift card for receiving their first dose of any COVID-19 vaccine. The incentive program was intended to increase vaccination rates and subsequently reduce the incidence of COVID-19. We estimated that expanding the existing \$100 incentive program could encourage an additional 60,000 people to request an incentive. We are estimating that the grant program could encourage up to 70,000 people to get their first shot. MDH also used funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support a local, flexible vaccine incentive program for Minnesota's local public health departments. The

overall purpose of the program was provided funding for LPH to incentivize individuals hesitant to vaccinate and to increase vaccination rates in local jurisdictions. Funding was also used for incarcerated individuals who received their first vaccine while in a DOC facility.

- About \$4 million was distributed in contracts to about 40 organizations (culturally based community organizations, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and community-based clinics) hosting vaccination events in priority communities and offering vaccines at their trusted locations. Funds were used to purchase gift cards and other culturally relevant incentives to encourage communities hit hardest by the pandemic to get vaccinated, including people of color, American Indians, LGBTQ communities, and people with disabilities. More than half of the funds have been spent as of June 2022; the rest continues to be used for this purpose through state fiscal year 2023.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: COVID-19 Vaccines

## H12CW1R – COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives

■ Children   ■ Students

**Funding amount:** \$5,538,929

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The incentive program is intended to increase vaccination rates among children and youth and subsequently reduce the incidence of COVID-19. The project rewarded individuals who completed their two series of a COVID-19 vaccine. The main goal of this program is to increase the number of children and youth vaccinated and shorten the time frame to reach key vaccination benchmarks to provide broader community protection. We are estimating that expanding the cash incentive to a \$200 Visa gift card program and including a college scholarship drawing component will accelerate our efforts to vaccinate children and youth.
- This project was completed on April 15, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: COVID-19 Vaccines

## H12CW2R - Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool

**Funding amount:** \$125,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project expands the emergency staffing pool by providing temporary staff to skilled nursing facilities that voluntarily agreed to use temporary staff to add beds for individuals who no longer needed hospital-level care. This freed up hospital beds in areas of short supply due to the number of patients needing hospitalization. MDH and DHS jointly identified nursing facilities stable enough to participate. Individual patient discharge decisions will be governed by all current applicable laws.
- This project was completed on April 29, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H12CW3R - Rapid At Home Test Program**

 Children  Families

**Funding amount:** \$2,490,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The primary goal of this project is to increase access to over-the-counter tests for Minnesotans in order to allow them to test more regularly and identify COVID-19 cases more quickly, enabling Minnesotans to take necessary precautions to slow the spread of the disease. Tests will be distributed through various partners including local public health departments, tribal health, COVID-19 Community Coordinators and others.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H12CW7R - Rapid At Home Testing Program II**

 Children  Families

**Funding amount:** \$2,510,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project will increase access to over-the-counter tests for Minnesotans in order to allow them to test more regularly and identify COVID-19 cases more quickly, enabling Minnesotans to take necessary precautions to slow the spread of the disease. Tests are distributed through various partners including

local public health departments, tribal health, COVID-19 Community Coordinators and food shelves. Distribution will be focused on people who otherwise had barriers to accessing testing.

- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## H12CW8R – COVID-19 Response Staffing

 Employees

**Funding amount:** \$4,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project will continue leading and coordinating the statewide COVID-19 pandemic response, providing required flexibility and financial support to positions and expenses required for coordinating and carrying out overall state COVID-19 testing and vaccination response strategies, including within education and long-term care settings, and for persons of all ages and backgrounds.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## H12CW9R - Community Based Testing

 Children  Families

**Funding amount:** \$40,000,000<sup>2</sup>

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project is to strengthen the state's COVID-19 testing program by distributing rapid over-the-counter, point of care and pop-up/hot spot testing for a variety of high-risk settings and populations, including congregate settings such as long term care, group homes, residential facilities, homeless shelters, corrections childcare, and congregate care. The project also expands and maintains our semi-permanent testing sites to provide barrier-free access to Minnesotans needing access to testing.

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<sup>2</sup> The actual amount project H12CW9R is \$40,000,000. It is reported in our Project and Expenditure Report as \$35,634,848. The difference is a result of spending SFRF interest earnings on this project that are not included in the Project and Expenditure Report.

- This project is not complete.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H12CX1R - Emergency Staff – Hospitals**

 Health Care Providers

**Funding amount:** \$24,922,694

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project involves working with a temporary staffing agency that provides nurses and respiratory therapists to a group of Minnesota hospitals to help them manage through the severe COVID-19 surges in the late winter/early spring of 2022. Temporary staff complete 60-day stints in selected hospitals.
- This project was completed on May 31, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H12CZ6R - Adult Vaccines and Telehealth**

**Funding amount:** \$2,411,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- Funding for adult vaccines and telehealth

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H52108 - School Linked Mental Health Grant**

 Children  Students  Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$5,976,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project funds mental health services for students and educators through School-linked Mental Health Grants administered by the Department of Human Services. This addresses an increased need for community mental health services, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These grant dollars intend to continue to develop and to sustain the statewide school mental health infrastructure necessary to ensure that children with mental health conditions, regardless of their insurance status or cultural background, receive evidence-based mental health services from highly trained mental health professionals.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 5
- EBPs supported by this project: Check and Connect; Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools; School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports; Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for youth; LifeSkills Training.
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$500,000
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 12

## **H552109 - School Linked Mental Health Administrative**

 Employees

**Funding amount:** \$35,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides administrative support for the School Link Mental Health Grant
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **H552161 - #4 - Shelter Facility**

 Families

**Funding amount:** \$15,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project will be used to plan, acquire and/or renovate, equip, and furnish emergency shelter facilities for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness. Projects are connected to mitigation measures intended to reduce infectious disease transmission in an emergency shelter.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H552162 - #3 – Shelter Facility**

 Employers  Families

**Funding amount:** \$10,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project covers targeted immediate response activities to mitigate or prevent COVID-19 outbreaks in congregate settings serving people experiencing homelessness, including survivors of domestic violence. Funds cover additional staffing and hazard pay to keep shelters operating with the needed complement of personnel who may need to be replaced or supplemented as staff contract COVID-19 or must quarantine; room leasing costs to establish additional shelter capacity to de-concentrate shelters or create protective or isolation options for people experiencing homelessness such as hotel rooms where people exposed at high risk or who have tested positive can reside and other costs for supplies needed to sustain congregate shelter operations, like air filtration, PPE or food for people residing in isolation space.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 3
- EBPs supported by this project: Financial incentives for vaccinations; N95 Masks; Financial incentives for testing
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$73,930
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 25

### **H552191 - Emergency Nursing Facilities Grant**

 Employers  Health Care Providers

**Funding amount:** \$49,900,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services



*Project overview:*

- This project administered emergency grants to nursing facilities that will agree to use at least 90 percent of the new funding for hiring and retention bonuses. Nursing facilities were able to use these funds for: hiring and retention bonuses provided to eligible employees and increased costs for FICA, Medicare taxes, worker's compensation premiums, and federal and state unemployment insurance associated with bonuses. Providers will complete documentation for the emergency grant with DHS through an attestation form and will be subject to post-grant activity audit review.
- This project was completed on March 15, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H552193 - Children in Crisis Grant**

 Children

**Funding amount:** \$2,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This funding is being used to transition children from placements such as hospital emergency departments and CABHH (Children and Adolescent Behavioral Health Hospital). Children are being held longer than necessary in these placements due to the lack of appropriate treatment beds in the community. The funds will be available to operating PRTF programs to use to create capacity and availability to serve these children.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H552194 - Children in Crisis Administrative**

 Employees

**Funding amount:** \$360,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides administrative support to the Children in Crisis Grant.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## H552198 - Food Support Grant

 Children  Families

**Funding amount:** \$13,715,500

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services




*Project overview:*

- This project covers activities to mitigate food insecurity for low-income families and individuals related to the ongoing impact of COVID-19. Funds support Tribal Nations and American Indian serving non-profits, food banks, and general grants to food shelves and on-site meal programs. Funds are used to purchase, produce, transport, store, and coordinate distribution of nutritious food. Other eligible expenses include staffing, equipment, PPE, hygiene supplies, and technology and technical assistance to facilitate evolving food distribution models.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 1
- EBPs supported by this project: Increase healthy food access at food shelves
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$14,000,000
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 326

## H552199 - Childcare Stabilization

 Children  Employers  Families

**Funding amount:** \$19,968,909

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provided payments to childcare providers to help them remain operating and serving children while facing increased costs and staffing challenges related to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases and to follow public health guidance. Payments provide flexible support for providers' emergency needs, including severe workforce shortages, increased costs to implement public health guidance, and costs of COVID-19 related closures, while providing a bridge to more assistance through the Childcare Stabilization Grants and to potential vaccinations of young children.
- This project was completed on March 2, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### H552228 - Basic Sliding Fee

 Children  Employers  Families

**Funding amount:** \$7,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- These funds would temporarily clear the Basic Sliding Fee waiting list and create stability and access to child care for approximately about 340 families and 680 children in Calendar Year 2023. Previous COVID-19 relief funds have helped increase access to the BSF program.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### H552229 – Ramsey County Shelter

 Children  Families

**Funding amount:** \$6,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project supports 100-200 shelter beds through June 2023. Funds would also help St. Paul and Ramsey County address a growing number of encampments that now include more than 110 people. In addition to providing immediate access to shelter and basic needs, the continued operation of the shelters will help connect people with permanent housing options.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### H552230 - Food Support II

 Children  Families

**Funding amount:** \$5,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project supports immediate household food needs, to provide a nimble, fluid response to changing needs across the emergency food response system. This proposal would provide grant funds to food shelves, food banks, and meal programs, operated by community based organizations, Tribal Nations, and local units of government.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H552231 - ISD MH Administration**

 Children  Students  Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$100,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides administrative support to the ISD MH Grants.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H552233 - MH Support CRF Grant**

 Employees

**Funding amount:** \$2,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This grant funding is for Children Residential Facility (CRF) Providers to provide care to children with complex needs. This funds providers who are willing and demonstrate the ability to meet the needs of the children and youth including but not limited to moving children from hospital level of care. DHS will develop the criterion for issuance of these grants and track the number of children who will be supported through this grant along with the outcomes.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H552234 - Navigator Grants**

**Funding amount:** \$370,166

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

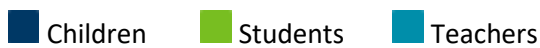
*Project overview:*

- The Department of Human Services (DHS), in cooperation with the Departments of Health and MNSure, request \$370,166 in American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Funds to support navigator organizations that will play an essential role in helping Minnesota Health Care Programs' enrollees with the renewal process, particularly enrollees with limited English proficiency and in BIPOC communities. The COVID-19 pandemic had a disparate impact on those populations. The funds will be expended between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- This project is expected to be completed by June. 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

**H552235 - ISD MH Grants**

 Children   Students   Teachers

**Funding amount:** \$4,300,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This funding is for grants to fund innovative projects to improve mental health outcomes for youth attending an Intermediate School District organized under Minnesota Statutes 136D.01 that provides instruction to students in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher.
- DHS will administer the program; MDE and DHS will collaborate in developing and delivering technical assistance to support innovative implementation of evidence-based practices in intermediate school districts. An eligible applicant is an entity that demonstrated capacity to serve youth experiencing mental health issues, employs or contracts with at least two licensed mental health professionals who have formal training in evidence-based practices, and that is: certified under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0750 to 9520.0870, a community mental health center under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 5, an American Indian health service facility or facility owned and operated by a Tribe or Tribal organization operating under United States Code, title 25, section 5321; or a provider of children's therapeutic services and supports as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 256B.0943.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

**H552232 - Hennepin County Shelter**

 Children   Families

**Funding amount:** \$1,800,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- These funds are needed to sustain shelter capacity at Avivo Village operations through June 2023, as federal COVID-19 resources expire. In December 2020, Avivo, a nonprofit organization in Hennepin County, opened Avivo Village. The Avivo Village is a program built to support individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness along a pathway to securing permanent housing. The Avivo Village is a 100-bed emergency shelter that provides basic needs, storage, security, 24/7 staffing, and case management support services. Due to its physical layout (i.e., individual tiny homes), the Avivo Village model offers safer COVID-19 prevention than a traditional shelter. The target population is individuals, couples, and unaccompanied youth (18-24) with a disability, who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness. These funds are part of a combination of public and private resources which includes \$1.8 million in support directly from Hennepin County.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H552277 - Food Support Administrative**

 Children  Families

**Funding amount:** \$284,500

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project provides administrative support to the Food Support Grants.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **H601755 - Exchange Modernization**

**Funding amount:** \$1,969,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The project includes IT development and upgrades to implement and operate ARPA's expansion of federal tax credits and cost sharing reduction programs. The project also includes added functionality to

search by provider within a qualified health plan enabling Minnesotans to take advantage of the enhanced benefits provided by the ARPA and determine if a certain provider is in or out of network for the selected health plan. The annual notice MNsure uses to inform consumers about their household's eligibility for enrolling in coverage for the coming plan year is also being updated and improved.

- This project is expected to be completed by June. 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **H751VHN - Veteran Homeless Navigator**

**Funding amount:** \$200,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- This project includes providing outreach and case management services for the OPERATION: Opening Veterans to Every Resource (OVER) program. The goal of OPERATION: OVER is to service Veterans and former service members whose needs are not met through the Veterans Administration (VA) programming, effectively filling a major gap in our community's homeless program services. The services that are provided include outreach, rapport building, and connections to mainstream resources within the Twin Cities 7-county metropolitan region. The resources intend to contribute to the stability of a Veteran or former service member's permanent housing with mental or chemical health support, financial or employment support, or establishing long-term healthcare services.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 9
- EBPs supported by this project: Critical Time Intervention (CTI); Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMHS); Case Management for adult mental health; Crisis Lines; Individual Placement & Support Services (IPS); Assertive Community Treatment (ACT); Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8); Housing First; Rapid re-housing programs;
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$120,000
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 0

## **J330ARP – District Court – Case Backlog**

 Employees

**Funding Amount:** \$9,961,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota Judicial Branch has taken unprecedented steps to protect the health and wellbeing of court users and personnel while maintaining access to justice. These steps include temporarily limiting physical access to the states courthouses delaying trials and conducting most court hearings in on-line courtrooms. As a result, the case backlog in Minnesota’s district courts is growing significantly. It will take approximately 41,946 hours of judicial officer work time to address the current pandemic-related backlog. Major criminal and more complicated cases make up a majority 38,679 of our current backlog. This project allows the Judicial Branch to leverage the expertise of senior retired judicial officers and temporary Referees to begin addressing this substantial backlog cover other related staffing needs and supporting costs.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **J521294 – Public Defense Board – Case Backlog**

### Employees

**Funding amount:** \$3,945,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- These funds are supporting contract attorney costs and temporary employee salaries to reduce the court COVID-19 case backlog.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 3
- EBPs supported by this project: Drug court; DUI Court; Mental health courts
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$0
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 0

## **P014103 – Military Affairs – CNA Training**

**Funding amount:** \$882,588

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Minnesota Department of Military Affairs (DMA) and Minnesota National Guard (MNNG) is in the process of activating 1,000 service members (SMs) to augment critical health care areas of need is



identified by the Minnesota Department of Health. The critical need area is for Certified Nursing Assistants. DMA and the MNNG are tasked to provide CNAs to support of Long-Term Care Facilities, Transitional Care Facilities, and anticipate augmenting other health care service organizations. The funding request is to fund the training and relevant licensure of SMs so that they can provide critical care functions back to the State of Minnesota during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- This project was completed on June 30, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **P071GS3 - Safe Storage of Firearms**

**Funding amount:** \$1,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Department of Public Safety (DPS) requests \$1,000,000 to develop a statewide advertising campaign on the safe storage of guns in the home. Safely storing guns can help prevent accidental discharges, firearm related injuries, and firearm theft. The goal of this campaign is to educate and motivate people to safely secure the firearms they keep at home, and how to do it (e.g. removing firearms from unattended vehicles and storing ammunition separately).
- This campaign will also include providing free cable gun locks across the state. This type of gun lock is relatively inexpensive and can be used on handguns, rifles, and shotguns. DPS will distribute these guns locks at events we will attend during the upcoming year, like the State Fair and other community events across the metro and greater MN. We can also work with other State agencies and local law enforcement organizations to help ensure these locks are available across the state.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **P073053 - BCA Efforts Against Violent Crimes**

 Law Enforcement

**Funding amount:** \$1,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) is requesting funds to combat the rising level of violent crime in Minnesota. The funding will expand the BCA's ability to deliver investigative, analytical,

and forensic support to the Minnesota criminal justice community. The request will also increase current capacity for forensic firearms analysis to address the recent significant increase in evidence being submitted from violent crimes, including gun crimes, committed across the state.

The 2020 Minnesota Uniform Crime Report illustrated a 58.1% increase in murder offenses, a 26.1 percent increase in robberies, and a 21.7 percent increase in aggravated assaults, with 2021 looking much the same. While criminologists continue to examine the various reasons for such dramatic increases in crime, violent crime and gun violence is a public health challenge that was exacerbated by the pandemic. This type of violence has been demonstrated to disproportionately impact low-income communities.

The request includes overtime funding to address the increased demand for violent crime enforcement, investigative and analytical support. Funding for the expansion of crime gun processing capacity and technology upgrades to improve and speed up forensic analysis of gun crimes is requested as well. These efforts will further support the MN BCA's role in assisting Minnesota law enforcement in combating violent crime which will in turn contribute to improving public health overall.

- This project is expected to be completed by June 28, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **P075523 - MSP Civil Unrest Deficiency**

**Funding amount:** \$2,205,214

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- Reimbursement for FY22 civil unrest expenses including: salaries and fringe, overtime, lodging, meals.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **P075593 - MSP Aviation Support**

 Law Enforcement

**Funding amount:** \$1,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The State Patrol assists with violent crime suppression and apprehending violators by providing aviation support services. An increase in active patrol time provides even greater assistance to law enforcement units on the ground through mitigating the risk of vehicle pursuits and in criminal search and find missions. The Aviation Section supports allied agencies by utilizing flight technology and providing aerial observation to increase situational awareness for ground units. This technology allows the officer, operating the cameras in the aircraft, the ability to search wide areas for subjects who are hiding or fleeing from ground units, day or night; the technology is often able to precisely identify specific addresses. In a recent survey, 50 percent of responding local police departments and Sheriff offices across the state use the Aviation Section for criminal search purposes and many of all survey respondents have requested additional patrol hours outside of our previous scheduled three hours per night.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

### **P076G13 - Survivor Support Grants**

 Families

**Funding amount:** \$1,812,727

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Survivor Support and Prevention grant program supports organizations serving victims of crime to mitigate the impacts of crime and programs aimed at stopping the cycles of violence, with a priority on applicants serving underserved populations.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 14
- EBPs supported by this project: Crisis Lines; Mental Health First Aid; Permanent Supported Housing; Child Parent Relationship Therapy; Crisis Text Line; Positive Youth Development Program; Youth Mental Health First Aid; COVID-19 Vaccines; N95 Masks; Aftercare; Healthy Relationships (for youth); Professional development sessions: About using data to guide instruction; Housing First; Rapid re-housing programs
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$67,350
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 6

### **P076U13 - Violence Intervention**

 Children  Families  Students

**Funding amount:** \$16,200,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs (OJP) received \$15 million dollars to address immediate needs for community Violence Intervention, Survivor Support and Prevention, and Innovation in Community Safety grants. An additional \$1.2 million will be utilized for administration of these funds including community engagement, technical assistance, grant administration, and reporting. This funding will fill critical gaps in Minnesotas public safety response as the pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on communities of color including higher levels of unemployment positive case rates and deaths. The multi-layered stress of the pandemic is directly impacting the rise in crime and the COVID-19 relief bills Congress passed have identified public safety as an important issue in the response to the pandemic. The Violence Intervention grant program will support a wide range of violence prevention and intervention programs aimed at disadvantaged communities. The Survivor Support and Prevention grant program will support organizations serving victims of crime to mitigate the impacts of crime and to programs aimed at stopping the cycles of violence with a priority on applicants serving underserved populations. The Innovation in Community Safety grant program will support organizations in targeted areas for programming such as youth young adult and family antiviolence outreach programs prioritizing areas with the highest rates of violent crime.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 7
- EBPs supported by this project: Crisis lines; Social Emotional Learning curriculum; N95 Masks; Rapid re-housing programs; Hospital-based violence intervention programs; public reporting of health care-associated infections; Service-enriched housing
- Estimated amount spent on EBPs: \$2,842,395
- Estimated number of sub-recipients using EBPs: 32

## **P784296 - Staff Overtime Bonus Pay**

 Employees

**Funding amount:** \$1,099,159

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The DOC is currently facing unprecedented staffing shortages and anticipate continuing to face these shortages in light of the spread of COVID-19 and a national shortage of workers. Retaining current staff and attracting new staff benefits the continuity of operations. This provides a safe and secure environment for people who work visit or reside within a correctional facility and assists in proper

staffing of the facilities. As it stands today, Correctional Officer staff are averaging 1,253 8-hour shifts of overtime each pay period. A significant amount of these overtime shifts are being forced on junior staff some multiple days per week. The funding is used to stem critical staffing shortages by providing bonus pay to staff to take on overtime shifts with the goal of reducing the requirement to force junior staff and ultimately retain the new staff for the long-term.

- This project was completed on June 30, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **P784297 - Staffing Crisis Management Incentive**

**Funding amount:** \$4,900,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- To combat this ongoing crisis, DOC implemented three incentives to date - new hire incentive, referral incentive, and overtime shift bonus

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **R293064 - Timber Permit Relief**

 Employers

**Funding amount:** \$352,868

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- As a result of COVID-19, parts of the timber industry experienced an unprecedented market decline. Mills in Minnesota and Wisconsin were closed in June 2020. Verso Corporation announced they were indefinitely idling their Duluth paper mill and laid off approximately 235 employees. Verso was the fifth largest consumer of wood in the Minnesota and took in 150,000 cords of Minnesota wood each year, primarily spruce and balsam fir. About 43 of DNR spruce and balsam fir went to Verso in Duluth. Verso also announced they were idling their large mill in Wisconsin. These announcements came just after a large number of DNR timber permits were sold in spring 2020 which had immediate impacts for loggers holding spruce and balsam fir permits intended for Verso.

When a qualified logger is awarded a timber permit they must provide 15% of the appraised price up front permit security. Annually, this money is distributed to land statuses eg. school trust counties specific to

each permit. Typically they have 3-5 years to harvest the permit but if it goes unharvested the permit security is forfeit.

With bipartisan support, timber relief was signed into law during the legislative special session. MN Laws 2021 1st Special Session Chapter 6 Article 2 Section 128 subds 4 and 5 allows the commissioner of natural resources to provide refunds to certain permits that were unlikely to be harvested. Permit holders are refunded their advance payment and bid guarantee permit security as applicable for these permits.

- This project was completed on April 12, 2022.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **R297013 - Public Safety Response**

**Funding amount:** \$1,730,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- Since 2020, there has been an increase in both peaceful protest and civil disturbance in Minnesota. This activity places increased demands on law enforcement resources to ensure public safety and, as necessary, address criminal behavior. This request is to address the deficiency of the Minnesota DNR Enforcement Division budget due to conservation officer response to these events in the FY22-23 biennium. This proposal provides \$1.730 million for public safety response. These funds will be used to pay for salaries, lodging, meals and supplies when conservation officers respond to requests for assistance.
- DNR conservation officers are licensed peace officers whose overall mission, like all law enforcement personnel, is protecting public safety. Their regular responsibilities revolve around the protection of Minnesota's natural resources and the safety of the people who use them. In that role, they focus on fish and game protection, education, and enforcement; recreational safety and enforcement; and natural resources protection.
- Conservation officers are part of the statewide fabric of law enforcement and assist their state and local partners when called upon. Such requests for assistance have been frequent since late spring 2020. The potential for additional protests and unrest remains, and threats to government buildings continue. DNR conservation officers continue to assist the State Patrol in their responsibility for ensuring the safety of the Capitol complex.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0

## **T9B30CV – COVID-19 Wastewater Testing**

**Funding amount:** \$600,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services

*Project overview:*

- The COVID-19 Wastewater Testing project is monitoring the total amounts of SARS-CoV-2 RNA and the prevalence of variants of concern in wastewater entering four wastewater treatment plants in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area. RNA concentrations in wastewater are a cost-effective predictive indicator of disease prevalence within the treatment plant's service area. Data from the project are shared weekly with the Minnesota Department of Health, the MN Governor's office, and the public.
- This project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.

*Use of evidence:*

- Number of evidence-based practices (EBPs) supported by this project: 0