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**Agency/Point of Contact:** Minnesota Department of Health/Margaret Kelly, Deputy Commissioner

**Title of Request:** Vaccination Operations

**Date:** 1/31/2023

**Request Amount:** \$ 22,200,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 6/1/2022 to 2/15/2023 (no later than 2/15/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

This request amends a previous request for COVID-19 Management Funds that was approved on June 22, 2022.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is requesting ~~\$20.1~~ \$22.2 million to continue its statewide and community vaccination efforts. These efforts, focused on reaching populations with lower vaccination rates, include partnerships with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and community clinics; collaborating with MDH COVID Community Coordinators to provide vaccination events in trusted community settings; and other strategic partnerships to reach our communities with low-barrier, accessible vaccination opportunities. This request will also allow vaccination services to continue at the Mall of America mass vaccination for up to the first three months of vaccine eligibility for children under 5.

Vaccination continues to be a critical tool in reducing the impact of COVID-19. While vaccination rates are relatively high in Minnesota, people of color, indigenous people, and people living in areas with high social vulnerability continue to have disproportionately lower vaccination rates. These efforts build on lessons learned throughout the COVID-19 response to address these disparities.

This approach emphasizes supporting and partnering with the medical providers and community organizations that will be most effective in helping us close vaccination gaps. A high proportion of the individuals FQHCs and community clinics have vaccinated are often at high risk of serious illness due to other health risks. FQHCs and community clinics have served patients within their clinics and in other community settings, such as homeless shelters. Community clinics, FQHCs and other community vaccinators have partnered successfully with COVID Community Coordinators to offer vaccination opportunities in places of worship and other trusted neighborhood locations.

Maintaining the Mall of America as a mass vaccination site during the rollout of COVID vaccination for children under 5 will help meet the high demand expected in the first weeks of eligibility.

Funds may be used for costs associated with vaccination planning, administration, and implementation, including but not limited to: contracts with vaccination providers and community vaccination host sites; supplies, equipment, and technology; leases, courier, and costs associated with community service delivery locations; COVID operations staff, warehouse staff and contractors to support vaccination sites; coverage of costs for uninsured individuals receiving vaccination; IT services; data collection, analysis and reporting; and incentives and communications costs associated with encouraging Minnesotans to be vaccinated.

**Margaret Kelly**

Department Head Signature

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