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# FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND EXPENDITURE REPORT

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## Executive Summary

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act establishes the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 public health emergency.
- The State of Minnesota was allocated \$2.187 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- Hennepin and Ramsey Counties received a total of \$317 million directly from the U.S. Treasury. The remaining \$1.87 billion was deposited into the state treasury in April 2020.
- The Fund has earned \$4.95 million in interest since April 2020. Interest may be used for COVID-19 related purposes and does not need to be returned to the U.S. Treasury.
- The CARES Act requires that the payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund only be used to cover expenses that:
  - Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
  - Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
  - Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
- The Commissioner of Management and Budget may submit an expenditure request to the Legislative Advisory Commission for review and recommendation before spending can be authorized.
- When in session, the full legislature may directly appropriate from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- Any money in the Coronavirus Relief Fund that remains unspent by December 30, 2020, must be returned to the U.S. Treasury.
- As of November 2, 2020, \$1.821 billion has been authorized either through legislative action or through the Legislative Advisory Commission review process. \$59.176 million remains unauthorized in the fund.

## Background

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act established the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). The CARES Act directed the U.S. Department of Treasury to make payments from the CRF to states and eligible local governments; the District of Columbia and U.S. territories; and tribal governments based on 2019 U.S. Census Bureau population data.

The CARES Act requires that the payments from the CRF only be used to cover expenses that:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

The CARES Act specifies that the amount of payments made to each state be reduced by the aggregate amount of payments that was disbursed to eligible local governments within such State. A unit of local government eligible for receipt of a direct payment included units of general government below the state level with a population that exceeds 500,000.

Of the \$150 billion in the federal CRF, the State of Minnesota was allocated in total \$2.187 billion. Hennepin and Ramsey Counties have populations greater than 500,000 and received a combined \$317 million directly from the U.S. Treasury. The remaining \$1.87 billion was deposited into the state treasury in April 2020. Any amounts remaining unexpended in the state CRF on December 30, 2020, must be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

## Expenditure Review Process

The expenditure review process for CRF generally follows the interim procedures for a 10-day Legislative Advisory Commission (LAC) review outlined in Minnesota Statute 3.3005. If federal money becomes available to the state for expenditure while the legislature is not in session, and an urgency requires that all or part of the money be encumbered or expended before the legislature reconvenes, a request to expend that federal money may be submitted by the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget to the LAC. Upon submission, the LAC has 10 days for review.

The LAC has four permanent members: the majority leader of the Senate; the chair of the Senate Finance Committee; the speaker of the House; and the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. One additional member from each the House of Representatives and the Senate sit on the commission, which is determined by the request being considered.

This review and authorization are generally used when the full legislature is not in session, or if urgent items or emergencies arise. When in session, the full legislature may appropriate spending from the CRF. The State of Minnesota is using the LAC process to submit amendments to previously authorized requests. See Appendix A for more details.

Prior to LAC submission, the details of the request are presented to the chairs of the relevant legislative committees for the LAC as well as the members of the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission (LCRC). The 2020 legislature established the LCRC to review expenditures from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund. Members of the LCRC are: Senate President Jeremy Miller, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, Senator Julie Rosen, Senator Dick Cohen, Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, Representative Lyndon Carlson, and Representative Pat Garofalo.

## Legislative Advisory Commission Recommendations

Upon submission of an expenditure request, the LAC has 10 days to review and provide a positive recommendation, a negative recommendation, or a request for further review. Under the provisions in Minnesota Statute 3.3005, subdivision 4 and 5, if a recommendation is not made within 10 days and no further review by the LAC is required, the commissioner may approve or disapprove the request.

## Authorized Expenditures

This table shows a summary of total authorized expenditures from the CRF for the period ending November 2, 2020. Dollars are represented in thousands.

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
				<b>INITIAL BALANCE</b>	\$1,874,872
1	5/27/2020	<a href="#">20, Ch 101</a>	MDA	Farm Loan Origination Fee Grants	\$175
2	5/27/2020	<a href="#">20, Ch 101</a>	MDA	Farm Advocate Services	\$60
3	5/27/2020	<a href="#">20, Ch 101</a>	MDA	Retail Food Handler Safety	\$125
4	5/27/2020	<a href="#">20, Ch 101</a>	MDA	Expanded Meat and Poultry Processing Grants	\$100
5	5/27/2020	<a href="#">20, Ch 101</a>	MDA	Rural Mental Health Services and Outreach	\$40
6	5/27/2020	<a href="#">20, Ch 101</a>	MDA	COVID-19 Assistance to Farmers and Value-Added Businesses	\$100
7	6/2/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #1</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Critical Care Supplies Preauthorization</a>	\$19,484

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
8	6/2/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #2</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Vendor capacity, operational costs for full implementation of Pandemic-EBT &amp; Emergency-SNAP</a>	\$2,005
9	6/2/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #3</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Prepared Meals for Homeless Shelters and Unsheltered Adults in Encampments</a>	\$3,668
10	6/2/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #4</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Seroprevalence Studies</a>	\$1,975
11	6/2/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #5</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Mobile Coronavirus Testing</a>	\$20,000
12	6/2/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #6</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Software System</a>	\$8,000
13	6/16/2020	<a href="#">20, SS1 Ch 1</a>	DEED	Small Business Emergency Grant Program	\$60,000
14	6/16/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #7</a>	MDE	<a href="#">Expanded Food Access for MN Children and Families</a>	\$10,000
15	6/16/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #8</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Senior Meals</a>	\$11,300
16	6/16/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #9</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Nurse Triage Line</a>	\$3,000
17	6/16/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #10</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Testing Supplies Preauthorization</a>	\$10,000
18	6/23/2020	<a href="#">20 SS1, Ch 7</a>	DHS	Housing Support Good Cause Absence Policy Exemption	\$1,135
19	6/26/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #11</a>	MDH	<a href="#">COVID-19 Testing &amp; Tracing Statewide Media Campaign</a>	\$8,750
20	6/26/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #12</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Summer Food Support for Children</a>	\$35,500

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21	6/26/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #14</a>	DOR	<a href="#">Local Government Distributions</a>	\$841,464
22	7/13/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #15</a>	MDA	<a href="#">Food Bank Support</a>	\$6,000
23	7/13/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC# 16</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Food Shelf Support and Transportation</a>	\$6,000
24	7/13/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #17</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Long Term Care Testing Supports Staffing</a>	\$2,430
25	7/13/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #18</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Immediate Short Term Staffing Needs</a>	\$3,000
26	7/13/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #19</a>	DOC	<a href="#">State Correctional Facilities COVID-19 Request</a>	\$9,090
27	7/13/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #20</a>	MNIT	<a href="#">Technology Expenses for COVID-19 Situation Response</a>	\$6,756
28	7/13/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #21</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Tribal Food Assistance</a>	\$1,608
29	7/13/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #22</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Emergency Grants for Child Care</a>	\$56,599
30	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #24</a>	DNR	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Funding Request #1</a>	\$590
31	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #25</a>	MNsure	<a href="#">MNsure Special Open Enrollment due to COVID-19</a>	\$502
32	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #26</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Operating Funding Central Office</a>	\$5,430
33	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #27</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Operating Funding Direct Care and Treatment</a>	\$13,059
34	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #28</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Operating Reimbursement Request</a>	\$9,735
35	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #29</a>	DEED	<a href="#">Operating Request</a>	\$149



Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
36	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #30</a>	DPS	<a href="#">Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) / Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Coronavirus Relief Request</a>	\$882
37	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #30a</a>	DPS	a. <a href="#">BCA</a>	[\$105]
38	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #30b</a>	DPS	b. <a href="#">HSEM</a>	[\$777]
39	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #31</a>	MJB	<a href="#">Judicial Branch CRF Request</a>	\$518
40	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #32</a>	GALP	<a href="#">Guardian ad Litem Program CRF Request</a>	\$13
41	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #33</a>	ADM	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Request June 2020</a>	\$402
42	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #34</a>	ADM	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Reimbursement Request</a>	\$34
43	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #35</a>	MMB	<a href="#">COVID-19 Requests</a>	\$525
44	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #35a</a>	MMB	a. <a href="#">Redeployment Costs</a>	[\$96]
45	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #35b</a>	MMB	b. <a href="#">Results Analysis</a>	[\$158]
46	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #35c</a>	MMB	c. <a href="#">Reimbursement for MAD Services</a>	[\$271]
47	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #36</a>	Gov	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Request</a>	\$290
48	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #37</a>	OAH	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Request</a>	\$6
49	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #38</a>	MNIT	<a href="#">Social Distancing and Safe Reopening</a>	\$100
50	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #39</a>	AG	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Reimbursement Request</a>	\$994

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
51	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #41</a>	MetC	<a href="#">Homeless Encampment Maintenance and Evacuation</a>	\$170
52	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #42</a>	DPS	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Request</a>	\$695
53	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #42a</a>	DPS	a. <a href="#">Administrative and Related Services</a>	[\$29]
54	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #42b</a>	DPS	b. <a href="#">Driver and Vehicle Services</a>	[\$242]
55	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #42c</a>	DPS	c. <a href="#">Laptop for telework</a>	[\$26]
56	7/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #42d</a>	DPS	d. <a href="#">Minnesota State Patrol</a>	[\$398]
57	7/21/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #43</a>	MDVA	<a href="#">Coronavirus Budget Relief</a>	\$2,149
58	7/21/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #13</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Operational Funding for Community Alternative Care Site</a>	\$3,343
59	7/22/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #23</a>	MDE	<a href="#">Operating Request</a>	\$323
60	7/22/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #40</a>	MetC	<a href="#">Deployment of Staff to MDH</a>	\$191
61	7/27/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #44</a>	MHFA	<a href="#">COVID-19 Housing Assistance</a>	\$100,000
62	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #45</a>	Senate	<a href="#">COVID-related Spending</a>	\$19
63	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #46</a>	House	<a href="#">Technology and Safety Response Needs under COVID Operations</a>	\$118
64	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #47</a>	MMB	<a href="#">COVID-19 Response Accountability Office</a>	\$445
65	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #48</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Homeless, Victim Services, and Isolation Space COVID Response</a>	\$19,000

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
66	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #49</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool for Group Settings</a>	\$4,641
67	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #50</a>	MNsure	<a href="#">Assistance to uninsured individuals for COVID-19 testing</a>	\$225
68	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #51</a>	MnDOT	<a href="#">COVID-19 Positive Client Transportation for Greater Minnesota</a>	\$750
69	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #52</a>	MetC	<a href="#">Transportation for COVID Positive Disables, Homeless, and Minnesota Care Recipients</a>	\$150
70	8/11/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #53</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Area Agency on Aging-Enhanced Home Care Benefit</a>	\$1,063
71	8/14/2020	<a href="#">20, SS3, Ch 1</a>	DHS	COVID-19 Related Retention Grants for Home and Community Based Service Providers	\$20,305
72	8/14/2020	<a href="#">20, SS3, Ch 1</a>	DHS	Disability Services Provider COVID-19 Related Public Health Grants	\$10,125
73	8/17/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #54</a>	MDE	<a href="#">Addressing Operating Costs and Supporting Student, Family, and Educator Needs</a>	\$244,800
74	8/17/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #55</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Providing Supplies to School Districts; Flexibility for Critical Care Supplies</a>	\$5,200
75	8/17/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #56</a>	MDH	<a href="#">On-demand Saliva Testing for Public and Private School Educators, Staff, Childcare Providers</a>	\$6,000
76	8/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #57</a>	DPS	<a href="#">Grants to community organizations for youth violence prevention, anti-violence and victim programs and services</a>	\$8,000

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
77	8/18/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC # 58</a>	ADM	<a href="#">Workers' Compensation</a>	\$5,000
78	8/22/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #59</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Long-term Care Testing</a>	\$7,000
79	8/22/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #60</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Test Processing</a>	\$55,000
80	8/22/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #61</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Vault Saliva Testing</a>	\$14,660
81	8/22/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #62</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Case Investigation and Contact Tracing</a>	\$35,091
82	8/22/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #63</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Tribal Public Health Grants</a>	\$2,579
83	9/29/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #64</a>	DHS	<a href="#">COVID-19 Public Health Supports for Child Care, Round 2</a>	\$53,333
84	10/06/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #65</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Supports for Behavioral Health and School Linked Mental Health Providers</a>	\$3,000
85	10/06/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #66</a>	MJB	<a href="#">Civil Legal Aid's Emergency Response to Serve Minnesotans During COVID-19</a>	\$3,500
86	10/06/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #67</a>	MJB	<a href="#">Senior Judge CRF Request</a>	\$2,113
87	10/06/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #68</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Grocery Store Point of Sale Expansion</a>	\$1,330
88	10/06/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #69</a>	MDE	<a href="#">Incentive Grants for Turning</a>	\$5,000
89	10/06/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC #70</a>	DHS	<a href="#">Food Shelf and Transportation Support</a>	\$6,000

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
90	10/20/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC # 71</a>	MDA	<a href="#">Agricultural Producers COVID-19 Support</a>	\$7,700
91	10/20/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC # 72</a>	DOC	<a href="#">Department of Corrections COVID-19 Request/CRF 2</a>	\$5,526
92	10/20/2020	<a href="#">CRF LAC # 73</a>	MDH	<a href="#">Department of Health Operating Reimbursement Request</a>	\$14,580
93	10/30/2020	<a href="#">20 SS5 Ch 3</a>	MDH	<a href="#">The commissioner shall direct \$10,000,000 of federal CARES Act funding to appropriate state activities that have been funded by the state general fund</a> MDH will fund grants to health care and long-term care providers to assist in their COVID-19 response. These grants would otherwise have been funded through the Health Care Response Fund, which was capitalized with General Funds.	\$10,000
				<b>TOTAL AUTHORIZED</b>	<b>\$1,820,717</b>
				<b>CANCELLATIONS<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>(\$5,021)</b>
				<b>CRF BALANCE REMAINING TO BE ALLOCATED 11/2/2020</b>	<b>\$59,176</b>

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<sup>1</sup> For details on appropriation cancellations please see Appendix B.

## Appendix A: Amendments

The following amendments were submitted to the Legislative Advisory Commission and were approved.

Row Number	LAC CRF #	Agency	Original Request	Original Order	Amendment Request	Amendment Order
1	LAC CRF #9	MDH	<a href="#">6/05/2020</a>	<a href="#">6/16/2020</a>	<a href="#">9/04/2020</a>	<a href="#">9/10/2020</a>
2	LAC CRF #16	DHS	<a href="#">6/25/2020</a>	<a href="#">7/13/2020</a>	<a href="#">8/17/2020</a>	<a href="#">8/28/2020</a>
3	LAC CRF #4	MDH	<a href="#">5/22/2020</a>	<a href="#">6/2/2020</a>	<a href="#">10/8/2020</a>	<a href="#">10/26/2020</a>
4	LAC CRF #59	MDH	<a href="#">8/11/2020</a>	<a href="#">8/22/2020</a>	<a href="#">10/8/2020</a>	<a href="#">10/26/2020</a>
5	LAC CRF #60-61	MDH	<a href="#">8/11/2020</a>	<a href="#">8/22/2020</a>	<a href="#">10/8/2020</a>	<a href="#">10/26/2020</a>

## Appendix B: Cancellations

The following are reductions to previously approved CRF Legislative Advisory Commission appropriations/actions.

Row Number	Date	Agency	Authorization	Description	Cancellation Amount <i>(actual dollars)</i>
1	9/25/2020	DOR	<a href="#">CRF LAC #14</a>	<a href="#">Local Government Distributions</a>	(\$3,735,034)
2	9/25/2020	MDH	<a href="#">CRF LAC #28</a>	<a href="#">Operating Reimbursement Request</a>	(\$944,371)
3	9/25/2020	DNR	<a href="#">CRF LAC #24</a>	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Funding Request #1</a>	(\$242,330)
4	9/25/2020	DPS	<a href="#">CRF LAC #30</a>	<a href="#">Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) / Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Coronavirus Relief Request</a>	(\$43,903)
5	9/25/2020	MDE	<a href="#">CRF LAC #23</a>	<a href="#">Operating Request</a>	(\$21,406)
6	9/25/2020	MMB	<a href="#">CRF LAC #35</a>	<a href="#">COVID-19 Requests</a>	(\$19,150)
7	9/25/2020	MMB	<a href="#">CRF LAC #35</a>	a. <a href="#">Redeployment Costs</a>	[\$19,149.94]
8	9/25/2020	MMB	<a href="#">CRF LAC #35</a>	b. <a href="#">Results Analysis</a>	[\$0.07]
9	9/25/2020	DPS	<a href="#">CRF LAC #42</a>	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Request</a>	(\$12,334)
10	9/25/2020	DEED	<a href="#">CRF LAC #29</a>	<a href="#">Operating Request</a>	(\$2,751)
11	9/25/2020	GOV	<a href="#">CRF LAC #36</a>	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Request</a>	(\$26)
12	9/25/2020	ADM	<a href="#">CRF LAC #33</a>	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Request June 2020</a>	(\$1)
13	9/25/2020	OAH	<a href="#">CRF LAC #37</a>	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Fund Request</a>	(\$0.56)

Row Number	Date	Agency	Authorization	Description	Cancellation Amount <i>(actual dollars)</i>
14	9/27/2020	Mnsure	<a href="#">CRF LAC #25</a>	<a href="#">MNsire Special Open Enrollment due to COVID-19</a>	(\$0.02)
				<b>TOTAL CANCELLATIONS:</b>	(\$5,021,307)