



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 \$5.23 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 30, 2020, \$1.858 billion has been authorized either through legislative action or through the Legislative Advisory Commission review process. \$22 million has been requested but not authorized as of November 30. \$0.209 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 30, 2020. Dollars are represented in thousands.

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
				INITIAL BALANCE	\$1,875,156
1	5/27/2020	20, Ch 101	MDA	Farm Loan Origination Fee Grants	\$175
2	5/27/2020	20, Ch 101	MDA	Farm Advocate Services	\$60
3	5/27/2020	20, Ch 101	MDA	Retail Food Handler Safety	\$125
4	5/27/2020	20, Ch 101	MDA	Expanded Meat and Poultry Processing Grants	\$100
5	5/27/2020	20, Ch 101	MDA	Rural Mental Health Services and Outreach	\$40
6	5/27/2020	20, Ch 101	MDA	COVID-19 Assistance to Farmers and Value-Added Businesses	\$100
7	6/2/2020	CRF LAC #1	MDH	Critical Care Supplies Preauthorization	\$19,484

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

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

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

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

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

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

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
90	10/20/2020	CRF LAC # 71	MDA	Agricultural Producers COVID-19 Support	\$7,700
91	10/20/2020	CRF LAC # 72	DOC	Department of Corrections COVID-19 Request/CRF 2	\$5,526
92	10/20/2020	CRF LAC # 73	MDH	Department of Health Operating Reimbursement Request	\$14,580
93	10/30/2020	20 SS5 Ch 3	MDH	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 MDH will fund grants previously authorized from the Public Health Response Preparedness Fund with CRF funds	\$10,000
94	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 74	MDVA	FY21 MDVA Coronavirus Budget Relief Request	\$4,610
95	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 75	Senate	COVID Related Spending	\$200
96	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 76	House	Technology and Safety Response Needs under COVID Operations	\$383
97	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 77	GOV	Office of Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan	\$285
98	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 78	MN.IT	FY21 Technology Expenses for COVID-19 Situation Response	\$370
99	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 79	AGO	Coronavirus Relief Fund Reimbursement Request No. 2	\$1,200
100	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 80	MMB	CRF Compliance Costs	\$170
101	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 81	MDH	Mobile Testing Continuation	\$20,000

Row Number	Date Authorized	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
102	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 82	MJB	CARES Act Funding Request	\$5,261
103	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 83	DOC	COVID-19 Request #3	\$4,382
104	11/23/2020	CRF LAC # 84	DPS	Executive Order Enforcement Inspections	\$65
				TOTAL AUTHORIZED	\$1,857,643
				Requested but not yet Authorized¹	\$22,331
				CANCELLATIONS²	(\$5,027)
				CRF BALANCE REMAINING TO BE ALLOCATED 11/2/2020	\$209

¹ For details on requests that have not yet been authorized, please see Appendix B.

² For details on appropriation cancellations, see Appendix C.

Appendix A: Amendments

The following amendments were submitted to the Legislative Advisory Commission. Amendments 1-6 and were approved, 7 and 8 are pending approval.

Row Number	LAC CRF #	Agency	Original Request	Original Order	Amendment Request	Amendment Order
1	LAC CRF #9	MDH	6/05/2020	6/16/2020	9/04/2020	9/10/2020
2	LAC CRF #16	DHS	6/25/2020	7/13/2020	8/17/2020	8/28/2020
3	LAC CRF #4	MDH	5/22/2020	6/2/2020	10/8/2020	10/26/2020
4	LAC CRF #59	MDH	8/11/2020	8/22/2020	10/8/2020	10/26/2020
5	LAC CRF #60-61	MDH	8/11/2020	8/22/2020	10/8/2020	10/26/2020
6	LAC CRF #59-2A	MDH	8/11/2020	8/22/2020	11/10/2020	11/23/2020
7	LAC CRF # 53-A	DHS	7/29/2020	8/11/2020	11/25/2020	
8	LAC CRF # 13-A	DHS	6/12/2020	7/21/2020	11/25/25	

Appendix B: Requested but not yet Authorized

Below are expenditure requests submitted to the LAC for review and recommendation, but no authorization has been completed as of 11/30/2020. Pending requests total \$22.331 million. Dollars are represented in thousands.

Row Number	Date Submitted	Authorization	Agency	Description	Amount
1	11/16/2020	CRF LAC # 85	LCC	COVID-19 Related Expenses	\$143
2	11/16/2020	CRF LAC # 86	DHS	Shelter, Victim Services, & Isolation Space Response	\$500
3	11/16/2020	CRF LAC # 87	DHS	Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool	\$5,322
4	11/16/2020	CRF LAC # 88	DHS	Enhanced Homecare Benefit for American Indian Elders	\$506
5	11/16/2020	CRF LAC # 89	DHS	Tribal Food Assistance	\$350
6	11/16/2020	CRF LAC # 90	DHS	Central Office Operating Costs	\$2,466
7	11/16/2020	CRF LAC # 91	DHS	Direct Care and Treatment Operating Costs	\$3,045
8	11/16/2020	CRF LAC # 92	DEED	Small Business Relief Grants	\$10,000
				TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$22,331

Appendix C: 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	CRF LAC #14	Local Government Distributions	(\$3,735,034)
2	9/25/2020	MDH	CRF LAC #28	Operating Reimbursement Request	(\$944,371)
3	9/25/2020	DNR	CRF LAC #24	Coronavirus Relief Fund Funding Request #1	(\$242,330)
4	9/25/2020	DPS	CRF LAC #30	Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) / Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Coronavirus Relief Request	(\$43,903)
5	9/25/2020	MDE	CRF LAC #23	Operating Request	(\$21,406)
6	9/25/2020	MMB	CRF LAC #35	COVID-19 Requests	(\$19,150)
7	9/25/2020	MMB	CRF LAC #35	a. Redeployment Costs	[\$19,149.94]
8	9/25/2020	MMB	CRF LAC #35	b. Results Analysis	[\$0.07]
9	9/25/2020	DPS	CRF LAC #42	Coronavirus Relief Fund Request	(\$12,334)
10	9/25/2020	DEED	CRF LAC #29	Operating Request	(\$8,331)
11	9/25/2020	GOV	CRF LAC #36	Coronavirus Relief Fund Request	(\$26)
12	9/25/2020	ADM	CRF LAC #33	Coronavirus Relief Request June 2020	(\$1)
13	9/25/2020	OAH	CRF LAC #37	Coronavirus Relief Fund Request	(\$0.56)

Row Number	Date	Agency	Authorization	Description	Cancellation Amount <i>(actual dollars)</i>
14	9/27/2020	Mnsure	CRF LAC #25	MNsire Special Open Enrollment due to COVID-19	(\$0.02)
				TOTAL CANCELLATIONS:	(\$5,026,887)