



**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State
Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)
Request Form**

Please complete this form in accordance with
the process instructions.

Agency/Point of Contact: Department of Administration

Title of Request: All Agencies COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Costs

Date: 6/22/2022

Request Amount: \$ 1,953,000

Expenditure Time Period: 3/4/2021 to 6/30/2023

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

Minnesota amended its workers' compensation laws, adding a presumption for certain occupations that COVID-19 was deemed a presumptive occupational disease and covered under workers' compensation laws for illnesses that occur prior to December 31, 2021. That presumption was extended in Laws of 2022, Chapter 32, Article 3 which extended the presumption for the period February 4, 2022 to January 13, 2023. In addition there has been an increase in the number and severity of workers compensation claims covered under the COVID-19 presumption. This request seeks additional funds that allow for payment of workers' compensation claims for the occupations that are covered by this law.

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. Included in this claim are occupations with job titles that might not appear to fit the general description above. For example, in Corrections there are occupations that involve direct inmate supervision; these are considered corrections officers for purposes of applying the law.

State agencies with employees covered under the COVID-19 presumption are Corrections, Human Services, Natural Resources, Public Safety and the Minnesota Veterans Homes. These funds allow Admin to pay claims directly when they meet the requirements of the law. This simplifies claim processing and limits the number of transactions required.

Admin previously requested and received \$3,925,000 in ARP - SFRF funds for this purpose. The amount requested was based on claims experience at that time and under the assumption that the presumption would end on December 31, 2021. With this extension and changes in claims experience, additional amounts are needed to pay claims now covered by the presumption. Based on average claims experience, Admin expects and additional \$953K in claims for FY 22 as a result of the presumption extension under Chapter 32 and an additional \$1M for recent changes in claims experience, which has increased number and severity of workers compensation claims covered under the COVID-19 presumption, for a total of \$1.953M.

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Department Head Signature

6/24/2022

Date