



## Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission – Action Order #10 COVID-19 Flexible Response Account – FY 2022

The Minnesota Legislature created the COVID-19 Flexible Response Account and appropriated \$425 million in the fund to the commissioner of management and budget to pay expenditures eligible under federal guidance for the state fiscal recovery fund. These funds were available to Minnesota under the American Rescue Plan passed in March 2021.

Pursuant to Minnesota Session Laws, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Chapter 12, Article 5, Section 2, Sub 2(b), the commissioner of management and budget must submit proposed single expenditures from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund that exceed \$2,500,000 to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission. Upon submission of the request, the commission has three days to make a positive recommendation, a negative recommendation, or no recommendation on a proposed expenditure.

If a majority of members from the senate and a majority of members from the house of representatives make a negative recommendation on a proposed expenditure, the commissioner is prohibited from expending the money. If a majority of the commission members from the senate or a majority of members from the house of representatives make a positive recommendation or no recommendation, the commissioner may expend the money.

On December 23, 2021, the commissioner submitted the following proposed expenditure requests:

- ***Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$2,510,000 to expand COVID-19 testing.***
- ***Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$4,500,000 for COVID response staffing.***
- ***Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$14,000,000 for grants to support immediate household food needs and system capacity.***
- ***Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$3,000,000 for food procurement through Second Harvest Heartland and The Food Group.***
- ***Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$3,000,000 for a grant with Second Harvest Heartland to provide fully prepared meals.***
- ***Positive recommendation to allow spending of \$20,000,000 for child care stabilization grants.***

The requisite number of commission members having provided a positive or no recommendation, I hereby authorize \$47,010,000 from the COVID-19 Flexible Response Account.

December 28, 2021

Date

Jim Schowalter, Commissioner