

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

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Agency/Point of Contact: DNR/Bob Meier

Title of Request: DNR Enforcement--Public Safety Response, State Capitol Complex

Date: 6/23/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 1,730,000

Expenditure Time Period: 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

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

Since 2020, there has been an increase in both peaceful protest and civil disturbance in Minnesota. This activity places increased demands on law enforcement resources to ensure public safety and, as necessary, address criminal behavior. This request is to address the deficiency of the Minnesota DNR Enforcement Division budget due to conservation officer response to these events in the FY22-23 biennium. This proposal provides \$1.730 million for public safety response. These funds will be used to pay for salaries, lodging, meals and supplies when conservation officers respond to requests for assistance.

DNR conservation officers are licensed peace officers whose overall mission, like all law enforcement personnel, is protecting public safety. Their regular responsibilities revolve around the protection of Minnesota's natural resources and the safety of the people who use them. In that role, they focus on fish and game protection, education, and enforcement; recreational safety and enforcement; and natural resources protection.

Conservation officers are part of the statewide fabric of law enforcement and assist their state and local partners when called upon. Such requests for assistance have been frequent since late spring 2020. The potential for additional protests and unrest remains, and threats to government buildings continue. DNR conservation officers continue to assist the State Patrol in their responsibility for ensuring the safety of the Capitol complex.

\$1.730 million in expenditures from this allocation will be contingent upon sufficient receipt of funds returned to the state resulting from the cost-sharing provisions identified in hospital contracts and additional underspending that occurred from the MDH Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool - Hospital Supplemental Staffing allocation approved on January 15, 2022 under LCRC Action Order #11.

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