

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

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Agency/Point of Contact: Minnesota Department of Health/Margaret Kelly

Title of Request: COVID Antiviral Medication Distribution

Date: 12/2/2021 **Request Amount:** \$ 400,000

Expenditure Time Period: 12/6/2021 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)

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requests \$400,000 for distribution of COVID antiviral medication. MDH has been informed that it will receive a supply of antiviral medication for distribution. While MDH anticipates that the majority of the new COVID antivirals will be sent directly to providers, it is anticipated that an amount will be sent to MDH for allocation development and distribution.

Several antiviral medication varieties are in the developmental and approval phase with the US Food and Drug Administration at this time. These medications assist people's immune systems in mounting a response to viral infections and can shorten the length and harm of symptoms and, importantly, reduce the ability of transmission and spreading to others.

These monies are being requested to prepare for and enable an immediate response once antivirals are received at the MDH warehouse. Due to the existing high-level of activity at the MDH warehouse, these funds are needed for hiring of an additional staff person to coordinate the distribution of received antiviral medications and other related treatments and cover costs of packaging and distribution.

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