

**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:** Minnesota Critical Care Command Center

**Date:** 12/1/2021

**Request Amount:** \$ 1,280,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 1/1/2022 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 \$1,280,000 to provide coordination of hospital bed availability for medical surge purposes across the state of Minnesota. As the state has experienced surges in COVID cases, there have been critical shortages of intensive care and medical surge beds for hospital patients. Instead of the time-consuming process of hospitals independently calling other hospitals to determine bed availability, the Crisis Care Coordination Center maintains inventory and location of available beds in the state and serves as a resource to hospitals requiring support in routing patients to needed beds.

Funding will support two medical surge resources:

1. Crisis Care Coordination Center. The Crisis Care Coordination Center (C4) coordinates availability of hospital beds among hospitals. During surges in COVID cases, hospitals experience critical shortages of intensive care and medical surge beds. Without C4, hospitals must independently attempt to find beds for waiting patients, which is time-consuming and delays critical care for seriously ill people. C4 maintains inventory and location of available beds in MN, allowing for more efficient patient transfers to appropriate levels of care. Key functions of C4 are to:
  - Monitor Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed availability and acuity
  - Facilitate medical ICU transfer placement
  - Provide support for level-loading of multiple critical care patients
  - Provide critical care advice / support when required awaiting resources
2. Intensivist. Currently, requests for ICU beds are inconsistent and not vetted by a critical care specialist, an Intensivist. Intensivists provide clinical support to the C4 Hospitalist including secondary prioritization and care-in-place instructions until the patient gets assigned. Many regions in MN lack facilities that can provide advanced care and lack Intensivists. Patients are increasingly more ill during this surge and this makes the C4 support critical in serving the people of MN.

**Margaret Kelly**

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