



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

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Agency/Point of Contact: Alison Rempel Brown, President & CEO

Title of Request: Science Museum of Minnesota COVID-19 Recovery Funding

Date: 8/17/2021 Request Amount: \$ 3,798,000

Expenditure Time Period: 9/1/2021 to 6/30/2023

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

The Science Museum of Minnesota respectfully requests \$3.798 million dollars in American Rescue Plan funding to support the institution's reinvestment in human capital and to aid in the recovery of its general operations and programming, which have been significantly impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Science Museum of Minnesota projects an operating loss of \$15 million for the period covering March 2020 to March 2022. This loss is being realized despite significant cost-saving measures, which include the permanent loss of 158 of the Museum's 499 employees. FY22 revenue continues to be negatively impacted by the ongoing effects of the pandemic, with projected earned-revenue running 30% below pre-pandemic levels (FY19). The current surge in positive cases due to the Delta variant is only exacerbating this projected shortfall and the museum's ability to return to full operational capacity.

With the support of the American Rescue Plan funding, the Science Museum seeks to add staff roles in the coming fiscal year, across all facets of the institution, to bolster its operational, scientific, and programming capacity. As public health conditions improve and visitor confidence returns, the Museum is poised to serve as an economic driver, spurring increased tourism and visitation to our State and region. The Museum will regrow its capacity to serve the citizens and students of Minnesota as a leading provider of STEM education outreach and field trip programming, inspiring young minds and helping to develop Minnesota's next-generation STEM workforce.

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