

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

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Title of Request: State Employee COVID Testing Site - St. Paul

Date: 9/9/2021 **Request Amount:** \$ 1,500,000

Expenditure Time Period: 9/8/2021 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)

This request is to pay for a testing facility in the St. Paul area to provide weekly COVID-19 testing of state employees that are required to work on-site and are unable or unwilling to attest to being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Staff who access the workplace or provide public service outside of their homes on behalf of an agency without vaccination pose a particular risk of COVID-19 exposure to themselves, their colleagues, and to members of the public. Additionally, ongoing community transmission of the more transmissible Delta variant of COVID-19 in Minnesota, especially among unvaccinated individuals, presents a continuous risk of infection.

To protect, to the extent reasonably possible, the health and safety of our employees and our customers from the direct threat resulting from the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and to members of the public, agency staff who are assigned to work at the workplace (rather than at-home telework), wish to access the workplace for more than 10 minutes, or otherwise provide agency services outside of their home must provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status. All agency staff who are assigned to work at the workplace (rather than at-home telework) or who otherwise provide agency services outside of their home and do not submit proof of full COVID-19 vaccination must undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing at least weekly.

The requested funding will cover the cost of administering testing to approximately 1400 employees weekly. This site will be available for state employees in the metro area. Beyond the cost of testing, other costs associated with this site include but are not limited to: additional staff support at the testing site, leasing of the testing space, and IT related costs including laptops, WAN/LAN network, and licensing.

This up front funding will provide for approximately eight weeks of testing. We anticipate that many of these costs are eligible for FEMA reimbursement and MMB will be actively be seeking reimbursement as well as expedited FEMA funding for these testing costs into the future.

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