

Coronavirus Relief / Health Care Response / COVID-19 Minnesota Funds Request Form

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Agency/Point of Contact: Department of Health/Margaret Kelly, Deputy Commissioner

Title of Request: COVID-19 Testing Strategy and Response

Date: 12/29/2020 **Request Amount:** \$ 39,758,000

Expenditure Time Period: 3/28/2020 to 6/30/2021

Request Funding Source:

- Coronavirus Relief Fund (if selected complete page 2)
- Health Care Response Fund
- COVID-19 Minnesota Fund

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

Minnesota has built a robust and comprehensive testing strategy in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That effort has included working with private sector, government, and community partners to expand barrier free testing and to put the appropriate supports around people who benefit from testing in our most vulnerable communities.

The pandemic and need for a comprehensive testing strategy will continue well into 2021 until an effective, widely distributed vaccine is available and used. In November, more than 667,000 tests were funded through state and federal resources and we expect significant testing to continue into 2021, following the path of the pandemic. The magnitude, timing of availability, and flexibility of federal funds is uncertain. Therefore, a finance strategy is needed to respond to the significant, immediate needs we expect to face around testing.

This request is to make COVID-19 MN funds available to continue the testing effort. Funds may be used for costs associated with the testing strategy and its administration, including but not limited to, test processing and related supplies, equipment, personnel, training and related costs associated with supporting the testing response, research, warehousing, leases, costs associated with community service and long term care delivery locations, grants or payments to partners in the response, technology costs, critical care supplies, and communications costs associated with encouraging Minnesotans to participate in the public health response to COVID. When practical, testing funds may be used to create joint efforts between mass testing and mass vaccination work to ensure Minnesotans have reliable and familiar access to both and that the state maximized the testing infrastructure already established. This request assumes work may be performed by and between other state agencies or partners as necessary and that funds may be transferred as necessary to accomplish the work. Some of the costs incurred with this funding will likely be reimbursable by FEMA or through insurance payments.

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