

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

Please complete this form in accordance with the process instructions.

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

**Title of Request:** SEOC staffing support

**Date:** 11/10/2020 **Request Amount:** \$ 2,200,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 10/1/2020 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)

The state's pandemic response has been operating under a unified command with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) coordinating federal, state and local response efforts.

The SEOC is coordinating the response activities of 9 state agencies and one inter-governmental organization. While the SEOC has a small, dedicated staff complement to manage emergencies, every time the SEOC is activated, staff from other state agencies are called upon to help manage the response. Typically, the SEOC is activated to manage disasters, and staffing is short-term. The pandemic response has been the longest activation of the SEOC, and the cross agency coordination will need to continue. Currently there are over 200 staff from multiple state agencies supporting the work of the SEOC:

- Statewide Health Care Coalition and health care facility staffing and bed capacity
- Critical Care Supplies
- Testing --community and long-term care

This request will support key positions at the SEOC into next year. We are currently using Coronavirus Relief Funds to support many staff. Those funds expire 12/30/2020. COVID-19 Minnesota Funds will allow us to continue our efforts into June of next year.

Funding will support positions that coordinate our overall testing strategy in the community and with long term care; coordinate specific testing events both on-site and off-site; provide financial, contracting, and administrative support to the SEOC teams, provide data coordination and analysis to the SEOC teams, and coordinate our vaccine distribution strategy across work groups and agencies.

MDH may transfer funds to other agencies providing staff to support the work of the SEOC.

**Margaret Kelly**  
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