

**Summary Information Regarding Key State and Federal Programs for  
COVID-19 Response and Recovery Efforts (v. July 2, 2020)**

	Housing Support	ESP	COVID-19 MN Fund	FEMA Reimbursement	ESG-CV	CDBG-CV	CRF
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Housing Support Program</b>	<b>Emergency Services Program</b>	<b>COVID-19 Minnesota Fund</b>	<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency – Public Assistance Program Category B</b>	<b>Emergency Solutions Grant in CARES Act<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Community Development Block Grant in CARES Act</b>	<b>Coronavirus Relief Fund</b>
<b>Targeting:</b>	Broader Response to COVID-19	Homelessness-Specific Response to COVID-19	Broader Response to COVID-19	Broader Response to COVID-19	Homelessness-Specific Response to COVID-19	Broader Response to COVID-19	Broader Response to COVID-19 <b>(See NOTE below)</b>
<b>Allocated / Administered By:</b>	MN Department of Human Services (DHS) Housing and Support Services Division  Administered by counties and tribes for authorized housing providers.	MN Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO)	Minnesota Legislature transferred \$200 million from the state’s general fund to the COVID-19 Minnesota Fund and appropriated it to the Commissioner of Management and Budget to be disbursed or transferred to state agencies.	Authorizations for expenses through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.  Administered at State level through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  HUD directly allocates funds to entitlement jurisdictions.  State administers funding for non-entitlement jurisdictions through Department of Human Services (DHS).	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  State administers funding for non-entitlement jurisdictions through Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Cities Program.	U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury)  State’s planned uses of CRF funds are subject to approval by the State Legislature.  Counties’ use of CRF funds will be determined locally.
<b>Available Funding:</b>	Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$5.3 million for a 15% increase to Housing Support state funding for COVID-19 related expenses during March, April, and May.  As of June 20, 2020, approximately \$5.2 million has been distributed.	\$26.5 million in funding appropriated by MN Legislature for COVID-19 response  As of June 15, 2020, approximately \$17 million of the available funds have been distributed	Of the total funds, \$7.2 million has been allocated by <a href="#">Action Order 15</a> to establish isolation spaces for people experiencing homelessness, administered through DHS and the Isolation Space Work Group.	Reimburses 75% of approved expenditures.  The remaining 25% of the non-federal share will be covered from the CRF allocations from the federal government through the state to local jurisdictions.	Nationally = \$4 billion  Awarded to DHS for non-entitlement jurisdictions = First Allocation: \$7,590,148 Second Allocation: \$15,253,281  Awarded to Entitlement Jurisdictions in MN = see <a href="#">List Here</a>	Nationally = \$5 billion  Awarded to DEED for non-entitlement jurisdictions = First Allocation: \$11,217,782 Second Allocation: \$17,464,118  Awarded to Entitlement Jurisdictions in MN = see <a href="#">List Here</a>	Nationally = \$150 billion  Allocated to State of MN = \$1,869,920,708  Allocated to Ramsey County = \$96,026,770  Allocated to Hennepin County = \$220,879,842

<sup>1</sup> [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136](#)

<b>Timeframe for Expenditures:</b>	The Department will issue four rounds of payments to Housing Support vendors, April, May, June, and a catch up issuance in July.	Funding expiration when one of three conditions are met (whichever comes first): All COVID-19 Emergency Response Funds have been distributed by the Office of Economic Opportunity; February 1, 2021; or 60 days after the expiration of the peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order related to COVID-19.	The fund will expire on December 31, 2020. Upon expiration, any money in the fund that remains unobligated will transfer to the general fund.	Subject to FEMA approval and continued authorization.	Deadline for expenditures of September 30, 2022.	Deadline for expenditures of September 30, 2022.	Can be used to cover eligible costs incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020.
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<b>Eligible Activities Include, but are Not Limited to:</b>	<p>Any expenses that are related to provision of room and board standards in response to federal or state health and safety guidance regarding COVID-19. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs for cleaning, hygiene, sanitation, or personal protection equipment for staff or residents.</li> <li>• Modifications for quarantine or isolation spaces in order to meet recommended guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health.</li> <li>• Costs to maintain or reconfigure meal programs or meal delivery services.</li> <li>• Costs to maintain staffing levels to ensure minimum room and board standards are met.</li> <li>• Costs to maintain staffing levels to ensure minimum supplemental service</li> </ul>	<p>Funding can be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain or expand shelter capacity that promotes the health and safety and provides quarantine options</li> <li>• Purchase hygiene or sanitation supplies so providers can comply with CDC guidance, and</li> <li>• Support staffing needs for homeless programs to maintain and hire staff necessary to protect the health and wellness of participants and staff.</li> </ul>	<p>Funds are to support activities necessary to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protect Minnesotans from the COVID-19 outbreak</li> <li>2. Maintain state government operations throughout the duration of the peacetime emergency</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The \$7.2 million allocated under Action Order is specifically to establish isolation spaces for people experiencing homelessness who are symptomatic or COVID-19 positive.</li> </ul>	<p>Many eligible uses, including to support the operation of non-congregate sheltering facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can cover: cost of shelter, staffing needed to protect public health and safety, food, clothing, toiletries and other supplies and infrastructure.</li> <li>• Cannot cover: case management, mental health counseling, or other supportive services.</li> </ul>	<p>Eligible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid re-housing</li> <li>• Shelter operations</li> <li>• Street outreach</li> <li>• Homelessness prevention</li> </ul> <p>Specific use of funds will vary by jurisdiction and need to be documented within amendments to the Annual Action Plans for Consolidated Plans. See <a href="#">list of ESG points of contact in entitlement jurisdictions and at the State</a> to learn more.</p>	<p>Categories of activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings and Improvements, including Public Facilities</li> <li>• Assistance to Businesses, Including Special Economic Development</li> <li>• Public Services</li> <li>• Planning, Capacity Building, and TA</li> </ul> <p>Eligible activities include short-term emergency financial assistance for rent, mortgage, and utilities, legal support; and acquisition of hotels and motels to address needs for social distancing and isolation.</p> <p>Specific use of funds will vary by jurisdiction and need to be documented within amendments to the Annual Action Plans for Consolidated Plans. See <a href="#">list of CDBG points of contact in entitlement jurisdictions and at the State</a></p>	<p>Very broadly defined, including to cover “expenses for the care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.”</p> <p><b>NOTE: While CRF funds can be used for a variety of homelessness and housing-related purposes, such uses in MN jurisdictions cannot be specifically forecast at this time.</b></p>

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<b>For More Information (Click on Links):</b>	<a href="#">Minnesota Department of Human Services</a>  <a href="#">Summary of COVID Funding Increase</a>	<a href="#">Minnesota Heading Home Alliance</a>	<a href="#">Minnesota Management and Budget</a>	<a href="#">Federal Emergency Management Agency</a>  <a href="#">National Alliance to End Homelessness</a>  <a href="#">National Low Income Housing Coalition</a>	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</a>  <a href="#">National Alliance to End Homelessness</a>	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</a>  <a href="#">National Alliance to End Homelessness</a>  <a href="#">National Low Income Housing Coalition</a>	<a href="#">U.S. Department of the Treasury</a>  <a href="#">National Low Income Housing Coalition</a>