

How to use the Minnesota Management and Budget Checkbook

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Minnesota state and local governments have received billions of dollars in federal funds to address Minnesotans' needs and build the recovery. To help Minnesotans better understand where and how these dollars, including American Rescue Plan funds, are being used, Minnesota Management and Budget's Checkbook platform is a helpful tool.
mn.gov/mmb/transparency-mn/covid19-checkbook/



Here's a quick tour of how to use it.

COVID-19 Checkbook

COVID-19 Budget

COVID-19 Payments

To begin searching through the Checkbook, you'll first have to decide whether you want to look at the "budget" or "payments." That will depend on what type of information you're looking for.

Clicking on the **COVID-19 Budget** will give you specific information regarding how much the state has approved or budgeted by state agency and programs or services.

Clicking on the **COVID-19 Payments** will give you details on individual payments that have been made, available by fund, state agency, and companies and organizations receiving dollars.

Once you navigate to the **COVID-19 Budget**, you'll use the **Prompts** section to select your criteria. The resulting budget information will show up in the Results section. Note that you'll be able to click on the hyperlinks in the Available Amount column to get drill down and get more detailed information by agency and appropriation.

Prompts - COVID-19 Budgets

Select required values from drop-downs. * Asterisk denotes required field.

* Budget Year:

Fund:

Agency:

Results - COVID-19 Budgets

COVID-19 Budgets :: By Fund, Agency and Appropriation
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Fund	Agency	Appropriation	Available Amount	Budget Amount	Obligated Amount	Payment Amount	Budget Remaining Amount
ARP-State Fiscal Recovery	Education Department	SFRF Academic & Mental Health	\$34,571,008	\$34,571,008	\$457,010	\$3,721,137	\$30,392,861
		SFRF Early Learning	\$1,500,000	\$675,768	\$668,679	\$4,408	\$2,681
		SFRF Education Partnerships	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,046,235	\$73,129	\$1,880,636
		SFRF Expand Access to Tutoring	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$1,834,162	\$121,084	\$1,294,754
		SFRF Expanded Life Skills	\$1,000,000	\$253,205	\$5,000	\$0	\$248,205
		SFRF Girl Scouts ConnectZ	\$1,000,000	\$499,920	\$20,000	\$0	\$479,920
		SFRF Pandemic Enroll Aid	\$29,191,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
		SFRF Strengthen ABE Programmin	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$9,818,316	\$45,626	\$136,058
		SFRF Summer Preschool	\$10,096,378	\$10,096,378	\$295,771	\$8,179,486	\$1,621,120
		Grand Total			\$94,608,385	\$73,346,278	\$15,145,173

In the above example, the Checkbook tells you the type of aid or appropriation. Navigating the **COVID-19 Payments** portal works very similarly, except that instead of clicking on Available Amount to find more information, you'll click on **Payment Amount**. You'll notice that you get a slightly different level of information using this part of the portal. For example, below you can see how much money went to a particular school.

Results - COVID-19 Payments

COVID-19 Payments :: By Fund, Agency, Payee and Expense Category
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Fund	Agency	Payee	Expense Category	Expense Type	Payment Amount
ARP-State Fiscal Recovery	Education Department	ACADEMIA CESAR CHAVEZ	Aid-Grants to School Districts	Aid To School Districts	\$12,124
Grand Total					\$12,124

For more information on ARP funds in Minnesota
www.mnbudgetproject.org/issues/minnesota-budget