

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

MEMO: Agenda Item #3
DATE: March 16, 2020
SUBJECT: Emerging Issues Proposal

Background

On February 6, 2020, LCCMR received a request for \$270,468 in funding from the Emerging Issues Account from Dr. Tiffany Wolf and project partners entitled “Chronic Wasting Disease targeted outreach engaging culturally-diverse hunting communities.” The full request is attached.

LCCMR’s Emerging Issues Account currently has a balance of \$439,000 that was appropriated by the legislature in M.L. 2018. The funds currently expire June 30, 2020; language to extend this funding until June 30, 2023 has been advanced by staff to the legislative co-chairs for consideration during the 2020 legislative session.

The Emerging Issues Account is authorized in M.S. 116P.08, Subd. 4. The LCCMR adopted policy and procedure for the Emerging Issues Account in 2008. The full policy is attached.

For a request to be approved, a quorum (9 members) of the Commission must be present and at least 60% of those members present must vote in favor of approval.

| Number of Members Present | Number of affirmative votes needed (60%, rounded) |
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If a request is approved by the LCCMR it will be sent to the governor for consideration. The funds would be available for spending as soon as the award and work plan are approved.

The LCCMR Executive Committee met February 24, 2020 and voted to recommend the proposal to the full membership.

Materials

- Request from Minnesota Center for Prion Research and Outreach: *Chronic Wasting Disease targeted outreach engaging culturally-diverse hunting communities*
- Draft work plan
- Emerging Issues Account Procedures adopted 1/15/08 by LCCMR

Action

If supported, move to approve the *Chronic Wasting Disease targeted outreach engaging culturally-diverse hunting communities* Emerging Issues proposal and associated work plan pending governor support per M.S. 116P.08, Subd. 4.