

# Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

**MEMO:** Agenda Item #3  
**DATE:** April 23, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Emerging Issues Proposal

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## Background

LCCMR has received two requests for funding, together totaling \$169,000, from the Emerging Issues Account:

1. Flushing to Address Legionella Concerns Resulting from Extended Building Shutdowns: \$109,703, Dr. Raymond Hozalski and Dr. Timothy LaPara (U of MN)
2. State-wide reconnaissance of SARS-CoV-2 in drinking water supplies: \$59,297, Dr. Raymond Hozalski and Dr. Timothy LaPara (U of MN)

The full requests are attached.

LCCMR's Emerging Issues Account received an appropriation of \$439,000 in M.L. 2018. The commission and governor approved a request for \$270,468 for a CWD outreach project last month. The remaining balance of \$168,532 currently expires 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<br>(60%, rounded) |
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| 17                        | 10   |
| 16                        | 10   |
| 15                        | 9  |
| 14                        | 8  |
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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.

## Materials

- Request: "Flushing to Address Legionella Concerns Resulting from Extended Building Shutdowns"
- Request: "State-wide reconnaissance of SARS-CoV-2 in drinking water supplies"
- Emerging Issues Account Procedures adopted 1/15/08 by LCCMR

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### **Action**

If supported, move to approve the “Flushing to Address Legionella Concerns Resulting from Extended Building Shutdowns” for \$109,235 and the “State-wide reconnaissance of SARS-CoV-2 in drinking water supplies” for \$59,297 proposal and to authorize staff to approve the associated work plans pending governor support per M.S. 116P.08, Subd. 4.