



## Office Memorandum

**Date:** March 3, 2022

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**From:** Commissioner Jim Schowalter

**Subject:** Disaster Assistance Contingency Account Transfers and Payments

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The purpose of this memo is to provide information about the current balance of the disaster assistance contingency account, transfers to the disaster assistance contingency account from unused disaster appropriations and payments made from the disaster assistance contingency account in calendar year 2021, in accordance with the requirements under M.S. 16A.28 subd. 9 and M.S. 12.221 subd. 6.

### **Current Disaster Assistance Contingency Account Balance**

As of January 1, 2022 the unencumbered available balance in the disaster assistance contingency account was \$31,521,650.

### **Transfers to the Disaster Assistance Contingency Account**

During calendar year 2021, \$30,000,000 was transferred from the general fund to the disaster assistance contingency account as directed by 2021 1st Special Session, Chapter 11, Article 1, Section 21. In addition, during calendar year 2021, 72 transfers totaling \$3,450,539 were made to the disaster assistance contingency account

from 26 disaster appropriations in accordance with M.S. 16A.28 subd. 9 and M.S. 12.221 subd. 6. Individual amounts that comprise these totals can be provided by written request.

### Calendar Year 2021 Expenditures

The table below details spending from the disaster assistance contingency account in calendar year 2021 in accordance with the requirement under M.S. 12.221 subd.6(d). A total of \$8,231,906 has been allocated in 2021 for federal and state declared disasters. Of that amount and previous years' transfers, \$20,964,928 was expended in 2021.

The reason for the difference between the amounts allocated and encumbered for specific disasters and the actual spending is cycle time. The typical fiscal life cycle for a state disaster, from declaration to closeout, is 18 months, and 72 months for a federal disaster. Once the Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) determines the amount to be spent on each event, they establish a specific disaster sub-appropriation and transfer the necessary amount from the disaster assistance contingency account. The amount transferred from the disaster account for each declared disaster is based on formal, on-the-ground, documented damage assessments and is not a general estimate. The figures are particularly accurate for state disasters, which are much easier to budget for because of their more limited scope and minimal changes to the project worksheets. The practice of establishing a separate appropriation for each disaster and setting aside the amount needed to pay the state's obligation gives a clearer picture of the progress towards closing out each disaster and knowing how much funding is available for future events.

The table below shows the disasters that received funds from the disaster assistance contingency account in calendar year 2021. Incidents named with an "SD" are state declared disasters and incidents named with a "DR" are federally declared disasters.

Incident Name	Incident Date(s)	County/Tribe – Description (Preliminary Damage Assessment)	Transfers	Expenditures
SD-057	August 28, 2021	Cottonwood – severe thunderstorm with damaging winds. (\$32,400)	\$25,920	\$20,355
SD-056	August 7, 2021	Houston – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and flash flooding. (\$211,727)	172,362	41,189
SD-055	July 23, 2021	Itasca – severe thunderstorm with damaging winds. (\$1,330,613)	1,108,017	667,628
SD-054	May 19 – 20, 2021	Marshall – severe thunderstorm with heavy rains and flooding. (\$113,210)	143,046	64,316
SD-053	December 23 – 24, 2020	Faribault – severe winter storm with ice and damaging winds. (\$476,770)	449,972	427,299
SD-052	August 13 – 14, 2020	Cass, Itasca, and Norman – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and strong winds. (\$291,284)	65,433	186,851
SD-051	August 8, 2020	Goodhue and Yellow Medicine – severe thunderstorms with damaging winds and heavy rains. (\$234,866)	83,007	255,209
SD-050	July 25 – 27, 2020	Nicollet, Renville, and Sibley – flooding and slope failures caused by heavy rains. (\$415,177)	161,444	398,568
SD-049	May 27 – June 3, 2020	Hennepin – damages caused by fires during civil unrest. (\$15,658,865)	693,750	2,317,489
SD-048	July 15 – 17, 2020	Cass, Kittson, Marshall – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and flooding. (\$152,225)	10,850	30,596

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SD-046	June 23 – July 3, 2020	Kittson, Le Sueur, Morrison, Nicollet, Renville, and Washington – series of severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and flooding. (\$1,869,490)	946,872	1,010,906
SD-045	June 17, 2020	Roseau – thunderstorm with heavy rain. (\$96,965)	15,428	216,927
SD-044	June 7 – 10, 2020	Kittson – series of severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and flooding. (\$322,961)	31,585	41,474
SD-043	March 9 – May 7, 2020	Hubbard, Kittson, Marshall, Norman and Polk – spring flooding caused by high soil moisture content, heavy snowfall, and excessive rain. (\$1,860,231)	146,291	846,341
SD-040	September 20 – October 17, 2019	Carlton, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall and Roseau heavy rains and flooding. (\$1,325,466)	125,400	678,999
SD-039	October 12, 2019	Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa – gale force winds and severe shoreline erosion. (\$253,535)	0	183,078
SD-037	September 24, 2019	Wabasha – severe thunderstorm with tornado. (\$103,650)	46,087	123,825
SD-036	March 12 – April 28, 2019	Dakota and Pope – severe spring weather with flooding, ice, and damaging winds. Supplemental to DR-4442. (\$1,673,860)	264,478	980,610
SD-035	September 10 – 15, 2019	Murray, Pipestone, Rock, and Traverse – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and flooding. (\$620,005)	218,199	274,162
SD-034	July 16 – 20, 2019	Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Le Sueur, Wabasha, and Winona – severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, heavy rainfalls, and flooding. (\$2,060,361)	34,762	176,980
SD-033	June 27 – July 7, 2019	Dodge, Goodhue, Fillmore, Olmsted, Redwood, Renville and Wabasha – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains and flash flooding. (\$5,098,469)	799,510	1,507,787
DR-4442	March 12 – April 28, 2019	Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Chippewa, Clay, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Grant, Houston, Jackson, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Mahnommen, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Norman, Olmsted, Pennington, Pipestone, Polk, Ramsey, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Roseau, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, Watonwan, Wilkin, Winona, and Yellow Medicine Counties and the Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Lake Band of Chippewa, Upper Sioux Community, and the White Earth Nation – severe spring weather with flooding, ice, and damaging winds. (\$101,736,000*)	698,436	5,977,165

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DR-4414	October 9 – 11, 2018	St. Louis – gale force windstorm with storm surge flooding and damaging waves at Duluth. (\$11,549,561)	0	1,572,896
SD-032	September 18 – 20, 2018	Faribault, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Martin, Prairie Island Indian Community, Renville, Rice, Steele, Waseca – severe thunderstorms with heavy rains, damaging winds, and tornadoes. (\$4,870,407)	330,835	573,439
DR-4390	June 15 – July 11, 2018	Aitkin, Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Faribault, Itasca, Jackson, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pine, Pipestone, Polk, Redwood, Renville, Rock, St. Louis, Sibley, Watonwan, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation, White Earth Nation – Series of severe thunderstorms with heavy rains, flooding, damaging winds, and tornadoes. (\$21,755,330)	245,784	106,260
SD-025	April 13 – May 4, 2018	Nobles, Rock, and St. Louis – Severe late winter storm with strong winds, heavy snow and subsequent rapid snowmelt flooding. (\$1,459,596)	11,775	72,617
SD-024	October 27, 2017	St. Louis – Major winter storm with snow and gale force winds. (\$2,834,840)	1,271,582	1,358,743
SD-021	August 16, 2017	Redwood and Renville – Severe thunderstorms with heavy rain and flooding. (\$901,000)	5,678	117,186
SD-018	June 11, 2017	Anoka – Severe thunderstorms, heavy rains, and large hail. (\$696,517)	102,526	0
DR-4290	September 21 – 24, 2016	Blue Earth, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Le Sueur, Rice, Steele, and Waseca – Severe storms and flooding. (\$8,305,303)	22,877	264,581
DR-4182	June 11 – July 11, 2014	Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Hennepin, Jackson, Koochiching, Lac qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Le Sueur, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Roseau, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wadena, Waseca, Watonwan, Wright, Yellow Medicine, Bois Fort Band, Prairie Island Indian Community, and Red Lake Nation – severe storms, straight line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides. (\$30,370,144)	0	474,113
			\$8,231,906	\$20,967,589