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# MDH COVID-19 Response Budget Update

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- **January 29, 2020** —stood up MDH's Incident Command
- **March 3, 2020**—established a unified command with Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- **March 6, 2020**—first confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in Minnesota
- **March 15, 2020**—State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) fully activated

## MDH's Incident Command

- Laboratory analysis
- Surveillance
- Epidemiology
- Case Investigation
- Outbreak management
- Data Management
- Public Hotline
- Outreach to cultural, faith and disability communities
- Coordination with Local Public Health, Tribal Health, health care
- LTC Battle Plan
- Daily media calls
- Guidance

## State Emergency Operations Center Response

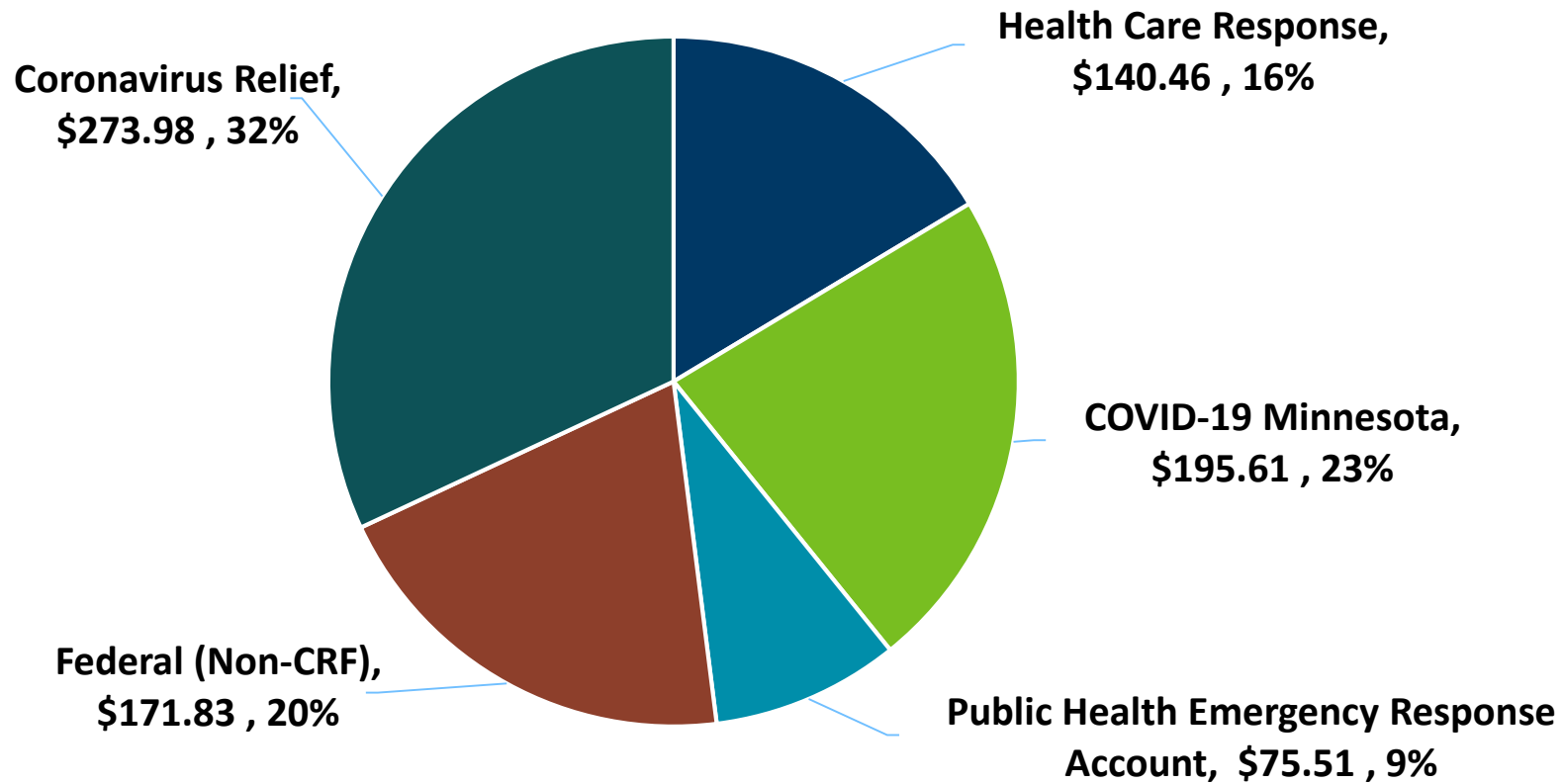
- Leverages and coordinates state agency capacity
- Work Groups:
  - Community Testing
  - Long-Term Care Testing and Staffing Supports
  - State Health Care Coalitions and Coordination
  - Critical Care Supplies
  - State Agency Redeployment Coordination
  - At-Risk Populations

# Early Lessons from COVID-19

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- Pandemic preparedness needs to be revamped based on actual experience
- Responsibilities of public and private sectors need clarification
- Defunding Public Health infrastructure left significant gaps in ability to respond
- Lack of health care coverage and lack of paid sick leave fuels disease spread and creates inequitable outcomes
- Health care system efficiencies can also mean a lack of health care surge capacity
- COVID-19 has exacerbated all known inequities

# Pandemic Response Sources = \$857.38M



# Funding Update

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- COVID-19 MN Fund
- Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)
- Federal (Non-CRF)
- Health Care Response Fund
- Public Health Emergency Response Account