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

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.

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**COVID-19 Budget**

**COVID-19 Payments**

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.

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

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