

FEMA Region 3 Awards More Than \$1.2B to Reimburse States for COVID-19 Costs

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PHILADELPHIA – The COVID-19 virus has taken the entire nation into unprecedented territory. For the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Region 3, the event has proven the largest response and recovery effort in the region’s history.

So far, FEMA Region 3 has obligated \$1.29 billion to reimburse pandemic-related costs in its five states, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. That’s more than twice the combined totals for Hurricanes Irene and Sandy, Tropical Storm Lee and the 2016 winter storms in Region 3.

“Passing the \$1 billion milestone is a major step for FEMA Region 3 and our state and district partners,” said Acting Regional Administrator Janice Barlow. “This is the first billion-dollar event in Region 3’s history, and that underscores the urgency, scope and complexity of this mission to save lives.”

The figure reflects some of the funds spent so far by Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today’s announcement is a snapshot in time and does not reflect where funding levels may be next week, or next month, as our partners submit more projects related to the COVID-19 mission.

Work and projects covered by the funds include measures to keep people safe and well: non-congregate sheltering, feeding and food distribution operations, alternate care sites, testing (including community-based testing sites), medical care, personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves, and most recently, vaccination operations.

To date, FEMA Region 3 has released the following funding by state:



District of Columbia: \$149,893,486
Delaware: \$29,017,593
Maryland: \$649,676,722
Pennsylvania: \$185,637,061
Virginia: \$270,246,249
West Virginia: \$10,101,615

The funds come through FEMA's Public Assistance program. Procedures vary from state to state in this ongoing collaborative effort; Region 3 works closely with every applicant to make sure all eligible expenses are covered so frontline workers can continue their life-saving efforts with federal support.

"We are making sure our partners receive all the federal funds they are eligible for," Barlow said. "We are proud to serve alongside them as we all continue to protect their residents and frontline workers in this unprecedented pandemic."

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