Vermont Awarded Over \$14 Million in Federal Funds for Community-Based, Coronavirus Testing

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REGION 1 – Through its Agency of Human Services, the State of Vermont recently received a \$14,305,846 FEMA grant for community-based, COVID-19 testing of Vermonters.

The Vermont agency contracted with Cambridge, Massachusetts-headquartered CIC Health to provide coronavirus testing throughout the Green Mountain State.

FEMA provided funds through a grant from its Public Assistance Grant Program. The grant reimbursed the Agency of Human Services for eligible costs it submitted for testing kits and associated operations beginning March 25 and possibly continuing through September 30. FEMA is providing a 100% federal cost share of eligible costs for this Public Assistance project.

"We are pleased to once again reimburse our valued partners at the State of Vermont for their efforts in the ongoing fight against COVID-19," said Acting Region 1 Administrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Paul Ford, who oversees FEMA's operations throughout New England. "These testing kits have helped protect the health of many—and will continue to be important in keeping many safe throughout the summer."

FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program reimburses eligible applicants for actions taken in the immediate response to and during recovery from a major disaster. Eligible applicants include states, commonwealths, local governments, federally recognized Tribal governments, certain private non-profit organizations and territories.

As of June 23, FEMA's Public Assistance Program obligated more than \$232 million in 115 projects related to the coronavirus pandemic in Vermont. Additional information about the program is at https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-



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