

FEMA Awards More Than \$3.3 Million To Connecticut For Covid Testing Expenses

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$3.3 million to the State of Connecticut to reimburse the state for the costs of providing testing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$3,312,499 FEMA's Public Assistance grant to the Connecticut Office of State Comptroller will reimburse it for testing a variety of vulnerable populations for COVID-19, including students at the Connecticut state universities, between April and June 2021.

The office contracted with SEMA4 Genomics and Griffin Hospital to provide 34,279 tests, and outbreak testing was conducted as needed.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Connecticut with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided almost \$396 million in Public Assistance grants to Connecticut to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in Connecticut, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4500>.

