

# FEMA Awards UVM Medical Center Over \$4 Million For COVID Equipment Costs

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**BOSTON** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$4 million to the State of Vermont to reimburse the University of Vermont Medical Center for the costs of purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for the hospital’s staff and other medical supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$4,029,300 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the multi-campus academic medical facility – part of the University of Vermont Health Network – for PPE purchased between March 2020 and February 2022.

The University of Vermont Medical Center purchased surgical masks, head caps, foot coverings, lab coats, surgical gowns, face shields, gloves, safety glasses, goggles, testing kits, respirator kits, shields, collection swabs, sharp containers, needles, disinfection wipes, and thermometers.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the University of Vermont Medical Center 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 more than \$448 million in grants to Vermont to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

