

FEMA Awards \$5.3 Million to Oregon for COVID-19 Expenses

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BOTHELL, Wash. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded \$5,317,675 million in federal funding to the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) for emergency protective measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA provides this funding at 100 percent federal cost share.

Oregon's DHS arranged for non-congregate sheltering for COVID-19 positive individuals with medical-related needs that required isolation from others while they were convalescing. To provide for this medical sheltering, Oregon's DHS contracted with three care facilities to make available 121 beds for those who had the virus.

Grants for emergency protective measures are funded through FEMA's [Public Assistance Grant Program](#), which reimburses communities for actions taken for response and recovery from a disaster. FEMA reimbursement is paid directly to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, which then makes disbursements to the local and tribal jurisdictions and state agencies that incurred costs.

FEMA streamlined the Public Assistance application and reimbursement process for the COVID-19 response so that applicants can receive funds faster. Expedited reimbursements help state, local, and tribal officials respond quickly to address immediate threats to life, public health, and safety.

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