

FEMA Provides \$91.8M to Wisconsin for COVID-19 Response Costs

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) announced today that \$85,656,957.40 in federal funding has been made available to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and \$6,231,721.77 to the Wisconsin Department of Administration for costs related to the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal disaster declaration on April 4, 2020.

The \$86.6 million grant will reimburse the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for costs to provide emergency medical care for diagnostic testing to reduce the threat of COVID-19 transmission statewide. The funding for the Wisconsin Department of Administration will reimburse for costs to provide emergency and inpatient clinical care for COVID-19 patients through staff augmentation in primary care medical facilities.

“FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an important resource for state, tribal, territorial and local governments and eligible private non-profits to cover eligible COVID-19 expenses,” said Moises Dugan, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. “These grants ensured the availability of critical medical care across the state of Wisconsin, helping to combat the spread of COVID-19.”

“We are very appreciative of this funding and also want to thank FEMA for our ongoing partnership,” said Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. “This assistance ensures people can continue to access the important testing resources and medical care that are essential to slowing the spread of COVID-19.”

FEMA provides a 100 percent federal share of eligible reimbursable expenses for these projects.

FEMA’s Public Assistance Program provides supplemental grants to state, tribal, territorial and local governments, and certain types of private non-profits so that



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