

FEMA Awards more than \$5.7 million in COVID-19 Costs for Emergency Feeding in Vermont

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REGION 1 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently awarded more than \$5.7 million is given to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, to pass through to Southern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to cover the cost of the State of Vermont's Emergency Feeding Program. The state's emergency feeding program called Vermont Everyone Eats was established and coordinated with state-wide sub-contractors (Hubs) who oversee restaurant engagement, meal production and meal distribution. The program, a vital part of Vermont's emergency feeding initiative, provided meals to the COVID-19 impacted population of the state.

This project is funded through FEMA's Public Assistance Program that reimburses eligible applicants for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a major disaster. Eligible applicants include the state, federally recognized tribal governments, local governments, and certain private non-profit organizations.

"We are pleased to provide this grant to Southern Vermont Community Action, Inc. to help manage financial demands they are experiencing as a result of COVID-19," said Acting Region 1 Administrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Paul Ford, who oversees FEMA's operations in New England. "We will continue to work closely with SEVAC as our shared efforts to respond to this pandemic continues."

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program is found at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>

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