FEMA Provides $2.4 Million to The Ohio State University for COVID-19 Response

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) announced today that $2,469,351 in federal funding has been made available to The Ohio State University for costs related to the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal disaster declaration of March 31, 2020.

This funding will reimburse The Ohio State University for costs related to medical care and COVID-19 testing at multiple sites. The funding also covers costs for warehouse space for centralized receiving and distribution of COVID-19 testing and treatment materials.

"FEMA's Public Assistance program is an important resource for communities as they respond to and recover from the pandemic," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Timely, accurate testing has been critical to ensuring individuals in the state—and across the nation—receive the medical care necessary to treat this virus, while helping stop its spread to others."

"This funding enables The Ohio State University to continue contributing toward Ohio's collective mission to test for the coronavirus, treat those who are ill, and vaccinate Ohioans against COVID-19," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

"I would like to thank FEMA Region 5 for its ongoing funding support to not only The Ohio State University, but to the state of Ohio," said Ohio EMA Executive Director Sima Merick. "FEMA's continued support ensures Ohioans have accessibility to COVID-19 testing sites, or to facilities to receive treatment."

FEMA provides a 100 percent federal share of eligible reimbursable expenses for this project. FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding to local government jurisdictions and eligible private non-profits for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure as well as costs incurred for emergency actions taken to protect lives or property. To learn more,

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visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit. For more information about FEMA's COVID-19 vaccine support efforts, visit www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/vaccine-support.

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