

FEMA Provides Additional \$5.71 Million for Montana COVID-19 Response

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DENVER –FEMA announced **\$5.71 million** in additional funding for COVID-19 response efforts in Montana. The assistance was made available under the major disaster declaration issued March 31 by President Trump.

The funding is being provided to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for purchases of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for medical care providers and other supplies, which were distributed statewide through June 13, 2020.

“Making sure medical responders are properly equipped is vital in the battle against COVID-19 and these funds are assisting Montana facilities.” said FEMA Region 8 Administrator Lee dePalo.

FEMA’s Public Assistance Program provides funding for emergency actions undertaken by communities to protect public safety, providing at least a 75 percent funding share for eligible costs. Remaining costs are the responsibility of the state and local applicants for assistance.

To date, FEMA has provided more than \$5.82 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Montana. These reimbursements can play a critical role as state, local and tribal officials work tirelessly to assist their communities during this response. Additional support has come in the form of mission assignments, where FEMA directs another federal agency to perform work to address needs identified by the state.

