

# FEMA Approves Nearly \$72 Million for New Hampshire COVID-19 Costs

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**REGION I** –New Hampshire will receive \$71,894,605 from FEMA to reimburse costs incurred by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to source, purchase, store and distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for entities throughout the state in the wake of COVID-19.

The state expense ensured PPE resources were received in a timely manner to complete life safety operations jurisdiction wide. The equipment went to hospitals, healthcare workers and first responders, defined as emergency public safety, fire, law enforcement, emergency response, emergency medical, and related personnel that may interact with individuals infected with, or suspected to be infected with COVID-19. PPE sourced included N95 and other filtering respirators, surgical masks, gloves, protective eyewear, face shields, and protective clothing such as surgical gowns.

During the incident period of January 20, 2020 through December 31, 2020, COVID-19 created an immediate threat to the health and safety of the general public requiring emergency response and protective measures. In response, DHHS, under the direction of the state, acted to source and distribute PPE for entities throughout New Hampshire.

Funding to support these life safety actions is awarded through FEMA's Public Assistance Grant program which reimburses states, municipalities and communities for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private non-profit organizations. Grant applications are submitted from the state, which coordinates the process with local governments.

"The support of FEMA financially is just one of the many ways we work together with New Hampshire while responding to the COVID pandemic," said Acting Region 1 Administrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Paul Ford, who oversees



FEMA's operations throughout New England.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the state of New Hampshire.

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

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