

FEMA Awards State of Rhode Island Over \$3 Million for COVID Technology Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$3 million to the State of Rhode Island to reimburse the state health department for the cost of technology it used to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$3,025,745 FEMA Public Assistance grant will go to the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) for contracting for technology used to fight the pandemic between April and June 2022.

The department contracted for technology that enabled:

- Incident management activities;
- Dissemination of information to the public to provide warnings and guidance;
- Purchase of technology products and services essential to the state's efforts in case investigation, outbreak response, quarantine and isolation, and COVID-19 testing.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Rhode Island with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

This grant brings the total awarded by FEMA to the State of Rhode Island to almost \$583 million to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

