

FEMA Provides Another \$16.8 Million to North Dakota for COVID-19 Response

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DENVER – FEMA has approved another \$16.8 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in North Dakota. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued April 1, 2020. FEMA has approved more than \$151 million in Public Assistance funding for the North Dakota COVID-19 response to date.

A breakdown of the recently approved FEMA funds includes:

- **\$15.6 million** to the North Dakota Department of Health for the purchase of 1.9 million COVID-19 antigen tests to support the state’s testing sites and safe opening activities. This grant covers costs incurred between February 9, 2022, and June 20, 2022.
- **\$1.1 million** to the North Dakota Department of Health for the cost of contracted staff to disinfect a COVID-19 test processing facility along with warehouse rental and utility fees, waste disposal costs and document shredding services. This funding is in addition to a previously announced FEMA grant of \$2.8 million to operate 63 COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites between December 17, 2020, and February 28, 2022.

For the COVID-19 response, FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow local officials to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements play a critical role as state, local and tribal officials work to assist their communities during this response.

To fully support this essential work, the President authorized provision of FEMA Public Assistance at 100 percent federal funding through July 1, 2022. Beginning July 2, 2022, the federal cost share for COVID-19 projects is 90 percent of the eligible cost.



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Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.



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