

FEMA Awards Vermont Nearly \$22 Million For COVID Emergency Sheltering Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$22 million to the State of Vermont to reimburse the costs of providing hotel lodging and wraparound services to the homeless and other vulnerable Vermonters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$21,969,452 Public Assistance grant will go to the Vermont Agency of Human Services for contracting with hotels to provide non-congregate shelter to high-risk homeless people, people exposed to COVID-19 who didn't require hospitalization, and asymptomatic high-risk individuals needing to quarantine between May and July 2022.

During that time the agency utilized 90 hotels and 1,465 rooms for the non-congregate sheltering of 1,907 adults and 564 children, and contracted for wraparound services such as food and room cleaning.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Vermont 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. So far, FEMA has provided almost \$476 million in grants to Vermont to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in Vermont, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4532>.



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