

FEMA Approves More Than \$4 Million for Connecticut COVID-19 Medical Costs

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REGION I –Connecticut will receive \$4,690,101 from FEMA for support of costs due to COVID-19. The funds will go to Stamford Hospital for increased levels of temporary nursing and independent community medical doctors and staff in response to increased COVID-19 admission rates in Fairfield County. Additional costs incurred include the setup of a temporary facility to secure additional patient beds, providing drive-through patient COVID-19 testing, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and supplies to all frontline staff and patients.

This grant is funded through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Grant program which reimburses 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. The grant applications are submitted from the state, which coordinates the process with local governments.

"FEMA's Public Assistance grant program is essential to helping communities recovering from a federally declared disaster get back on their feet," said Regional Administrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Captain Russ Webster, who oversees FEMA's operations in Connecticut. The state's agency works with FEMA during all phases of the PA program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

"This funding is just one of the positive results of the partnership between FEMA and the State of Connecticut through their Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security," concluded Webster.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grant funding to state and local governments, and certain types of private non-profit organizations, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the state of Connecticut.



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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