FEMA Awards More Than $1 Million to Wellesley College for COVID-19 Testing Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than $1 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse Wellesley College for the cost of testing students, faculty and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The $1,036,178 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the private liberal arts college in Wellesley for the cost of providing 33,117 coronavirus tests between January and April 2021, as well as providing masks for students and staff. The school also set up 31 rooms for isolation of students with COVID and 68 rooms to quarantine students exposed to COVID.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Wellesley College 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 more than $1 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.