

FEMA Awards Vermont Over \$13.2 Million For COVID Testing Expenses

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$13.2 million to the State of Vermont to reimburse it for the cost of testing both the public and public employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$13,248,491 Public Assistance grant will go to the Vermont Agency of Human Services for the costs of administering 1,792 CUE LAMP and 269,629 PCR COVID-19 tests required for the safe opening and operations of state facilities, including employees and visitors at state buildings, between May 2021 and March 2022.

That also included inmates, staff, and visitors at correctional facilities; students, staff, and visitors at public and non-profit schools; residents, staff, and visitors at non-profit long-term care facilities; and staff, campers, and visitors at public and non-profit summer camps.

“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 more than \$413 million in grants to Vermont to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.



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