FEMA Awards Over \$5.2 Million to Lahey Clinic Hospital for COVID-19 Equipment Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$5.2 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the Lahey Clinic Hospital, Inc. for the cost of purchasing medical equipment and supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$5,222,082 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the physician-led nonprofit teaching hospital in Burlington – affiliated with Tufts University School of Medicine – for the cost of purchasing equipment like ventilators between March 2020 and June 2022.

The hospital also purchased personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, surgical masks, gowns, face shields, caps, shoe covers, scrub tops, scrub pants, lab coats as well as IV/surgical supplies, cleaning and disinfecting supplies, and testing supplies like cotton swabs and test tubes.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Lahey Clinic Hospital 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 \$1.6 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

