

# FEMA Awards Nearly \$23 Million to Vermont for COVID Testing Costs

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$23 million to the State of Vermont to reimburse it for the cost of providing testing to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$22,865,291 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the Vermont Agency of Human Services for the cost of purchasing and distributing 2,679,928 COVID-19 antigen tests between October 2021 and July 2022, as well as other associated costs such as card readers and freight charges.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Vermont with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Reimbursing state, county, and municipal governments – as well as eligible non-profits and tribal entities – for the costs incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic is an important part of our nation’s ongoing recovery.”

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