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DENVER – FEMA has approved another \$1.26 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Colorado. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued March 28, 2020. FEMA has now approved more than \$1.71 billion in Public Assistance grant funds for Colorado's COVID-19 response to date with this additional funding.

FEMA approved the grant funds to Douglas County as reimbursement for the cost of emergency measures undertaken by the county during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the cost of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as N95 respirators, isolation gowns and nitrile gloves. This PPE was used for hospitals, medical and dental facilities within Douglas County, as well as for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to keep staff safe during the pandemic. In addition, FEMA's grant includes the cost of COVID-19 testing services from May 1 to December 30, 2020.

For the COVID-19 response, FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow state and local governments to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements play a critical role as state, tribal and local officials work to assist their communities during this response.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.

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