

# FEMA Awards More Than \$1 Million To Sacred Heart University For COVID Testing Expenses

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**BOSTON** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1 million to the State of Connecticut to reimburse Sacred Heart University for the costs of providing testing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The private Catholic university in Fairfield will receive a total of \$1,047,555 in federal funding through FEMA's Public Assistance grant program to reimburse it for the costs of steps taken to operate safely between March and December 2020, including:

- \$1,000,031 for 6,109 diagnostic screening tests of students and staff for COVID-19; and
- \$47,524 for the cost of purchasing 436 rapid test kits

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Sacred Heart University 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 nearly \$403 million in Public Assistance grants to Connecticut to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in Connecticut, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4500>.

