

FEMA Approves Another \$7.3 Million for COVID-19 Testing in Utah

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DENVER – FEMA has approved \$7.3 million in additional Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Utah. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued April 4, 2020. FEMA has provided more than \$274 million for the Utah COVID-19 response to date with this additional funding.

- FEMA awarded \$4.55 million to the Utah Department of Health to reimburse them for the cost of purchasing 605,365 COVID-19 rapid-test kits and distributing them to 213 locations across the state. Recipients of the test kits included the Utah state lab, local health departments, mobile testing units, long-term care facilities and school districts who provided sample test collection. The award covers test kits purchased between August 12 and December 27, 2021.
- In addition, FEMA awarded \$2.74 million in Public Assistance funds to Salt Lake County to provide COVID-19 community testing centers in the county from December 28, 2020, to May 15, 2021. The grant covers the cost of additional staff for medical, logistical and security support along with tents, generators, heating, lighting and tarps to set up drive-through test centers at temporary sites and the personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies necessary to keep staff and the general public safe.

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 local officials to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements play a critical role as state, local and tribal officials work to assist their communities during the ongoing response.

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

