

FEMA Provides \$227 Million to Mid-Atlantic States for COVID-19 Vaccination Costs

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Philadelphia - The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region 3 has obligated more than \$227 million to the state agencies in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia for costs related to the COVID-19 vaccine mission.

The awards, totaling \$227,429,975.32, provide federal funding to the states and the District of Columbia to reimburse costs associated with emergency protective measures taken to store, handle, transport, distribute and administer vaccines to reduce the spread the of the virus.

Here's a closer look at each award:

District of Columbia: \$2,349,375.00

This award provides expedited federal funding to the District of Columbia Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DCHSEMA) to stand up and support community vaccination sites. The District of Columbia estimates more than 14,000 vaccines in the next week.

Maryland: \$219,525,891.17

This award provides federal funding to the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse costs associated with emergency protective measures taken by the state to store, handle, transport, distribute and administer vaccines to reduce the spread of the virus. To stand up community vaccination sites, the Maryland Department of Health is providing personal protective equipment (PPE), other equipment, and supplies required for storing, handling, distributing, transporting, and administering COVID-19 vaccines at sites statewide through April 30, 2021.



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Pennsylvania: \$1,622,908.20

This award provides federal funding to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to establish sites throughout the commonwealth to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccines to its population. Quantities reflect the estimated administration of 500 vaccines per day per site, for two weeks, with an estimated start date of Jan. 25, 2021.

Virginia: \$2,283,147.93

This award provides federal funding to Arlington County for vaccine operations. Arlington County is preparing for the provision of supplies and commodities for personal protective equipment (PPE), other equipment, and supplies required for storing, handling, distributing/transporting, and administering COVID-19 vaccines.

West Virginia: \$1,071,638.00 and \$577,015.02

This award provides federal funding to the Cabell-Huntington Health Department for the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines. Quantities reflect estimated administration of 1,500 vaccinations per site per day, or one month starting Feb. 1, 2021.

A second award provides federal funding to the Office of the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia, for supplies, labor, and equipment in support of the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines. Quantities reflect the estimated administration of 45,000 vaccinations per week across state sites.

“FEMA’s commitment to providing critical funding to our state partners will help the nation reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus and protect residents and frontline medical workers,” said FEMA Region 3 Acting Regional Administrator Janice Barlow. “FEMA has been part of the response team since the start and we will continue to work hand in hand with all of our federal, state and tribal partners until this mission is complete.”

Grants for emergency protective measures are funded through FEMA’s Public Assistance Grant program, which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain private non-profit organizations.



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