FEMA Provides $4.6 Million to The Ohio State University

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) announced today that $4,688,916 in federal funding has been made available to The Ohio State University for costs related to the state's response to COVID-19 under the federal disaster declaration of March 31, 2020.

This funding will reimburse The Ohio State University for costs to provide emergency and inpatient clinical care for COVID-19 patients. The grant also includes costs to purchase cleaning supplies for disinfection purposes and to rent medical equipment such as ventilators to protect and treat individuals with the virus.

"FEMA's public assistance grant funding is an important resource for the COVID-19 response of our whole community partners in Ohio and across the country," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "This grant has helped ensure necessary medical services and equipment are available in the Columbus area to fight this virus and protect the lives of Ohioans."

"Since the start of the pandemic, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center has been an important partner in Ohio's fight against COVID-19," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "This funding supports Ohio's collective mission to prevent illness, save lives, and continue down the road to recovery."

FEMA provides a 100 percent federal share of eligible reimbursable expenses for this project.

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding to local government jurisdictions and eligible private non-profits for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure as well as costs incurred for emergency actions taken to protect lives or property. To learn more, visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit. For

more information about FEMA's COVID-19 vaccine support efforts, visit www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/vaccine-support.

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