

FEMA Awards Nearly \$51 Million to Massachusetts for COVID-19 Supply Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly \$51 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for the cost of purchasing needed supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$50,990,775 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for part of the cost of purchasing supplies between March 2020 and July 2021.

Those supplies included alcohol prep pads; gowns; body bags; hand sanitizer; bouffants; high-efficiency particulate absorbing (HEPA) filters; circuit arm supports; KN95 masks; culture fluid; nasal swabs; disinfecting wipes; disposable masks; powered air purifying (PAPR) respirators, neck capes, and filters; face shields; pillows; first aid kits; shoe covers; disposable surgical gloves; viral bacterial filters; glucose test solution and strips; viral transport tubes and eye protection.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Massachusetts 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 more than \$1 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

