FEMA Awards State Of Rhode Island Nearly $7.7 Million For COVID Testing Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly $7.7 million to the State of Rhode Island to reimburse the state health department for the costs of providing testing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The $7,666,294 Public Assistance grant will go to the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) for contracting with laboratory partners ACCU Reference Medical Lab, Dominion Diagnostics and East Side Clinical Laboratory to complete a total of 81,632 COVID-19 tests during July 2021.

RIDOH also provided medical supplies which were used at the Rhode Island State Health Laboratory, mobile test sites, and the community-based testing sites. Supplies included laboratory supplies, testing supplies, testing kits, and specimen collection materials.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Rhode Island 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.

These grants brings the total awarded by FEMA to the State of Rhode Island to almost $475 million to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.