

FEMA Provides Additional \$4.1 Million for Colorado COVID-19 Response

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- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced \$4.1 million in additional funding for COVID-19 response efforts undertaken by the State of Colorado. The assistance was made available under the major disaster declaration issued March 28 by President Trump.

The funds are for Emergency Protective Measures, including contracts to lease the Larimer County Event Complex and the St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center as Alternate Care Sites for the period between July thru November 2020. FEMA previously provided \$2.3 million for leases from April through June.

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding for emergency actions undertaken by communities to protect public safety, providing at least a 75-percent funding share for eligible costs. Remaining costs are the responsibility of the state and local applicants for assistance.

For the pandemic 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 can play a critical role as state, tribal and local officials work tirelessly to assist their communities during this response.

To date, FEMA has provided more than \$109.9 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Colorado. Additional support has come in the form of mission assignments, where FEMA directs another federal agency to perform work to address needs identified by the state.

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

