FEMA Provides $7.9 Million to Indiana for Vaccine Distribution Support

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) announced today that $7,973,169 in federal funding has been made available to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) for costs related to the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal disaster declaration of March 27, 2020.

This funding is an advance payment to ISDH for eligible reimbursable costs associated with operating more than 200 vaccination sites across the state to rapidly distribute and administer available COVID-19 vaccines.

"FEMA's Public Assistance Program is an important resource for states in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "This expedited grant funding will increase access to COVID-19 vaccines for individuals in Indiana, helping ensure anyone who wants a vaccine can get one."

"This FEMA assistance will allow Indiana to continue its charge to vaccinate all eligible people as quickly as possible," said Steve Cox, executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. "Hoosiers are waiting anxiously to get vaccines and move beyond this pandemic, and this assistance will play an important role in helping us to return to some sort of normalcy."

FEMA provides funding at 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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