FEMA Provides $2.5 Million to Salt Lake County for Covid-19 Sheltering Costs

DENVER – FEMA has approved more than $2.5 million in additional Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Utah. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued April 4, 2020. FEMA has provided more than $166.2 million in Public Assistance funding for the Utah COVID-19 response to date.

FEMA awarded the funding to Salt Lake County to reimburse the county for the cost of providing non-congregate sheltering to high-risk individuals who were under quarantine orders or were required to isolate and unable to return to their homes. This included first responders and health care workers who were required to quarantine safely without exposing their families.

For the COVID-19 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 play a critical role as state, tribal and local officials work tirelessly to assist their communities during this response.

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