

FEMA Awards Nearly \$1.3 Million to Central Maine Medical Center for COVID Staffing Expenses

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly \$1.3 million to the Central Maine Medical Center to reimburse the cost of contracting for temporary staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,267,123 Public Assistance grant will go to the 250-bed, level 2 trauma center in Lewiston to cover the cost of 57 additional temporary medical staff working 6,929 hours between February 2021 and February 2022.

Central Maine Medical Center was able to set up universal screening measures for staff and visitors to check for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as care for those patients who had COVID-19.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Maine 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.”

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$137 million in Public Assistance grants to Maine to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

