

FEMA Provides More Than \$8.6 Million to Cleveland Clinic Foundation

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CHICAGO - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency announced today that \$8,602,811 has been made available in federal disaster aid for critical emergency medical care in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

This grant funding is part of the recovery efforts for the federal disaster declaration of March 31, 2020. Cleveland Clinic Foundation added 1,000 beds for the treatment of COVID-19 patients at an alternate care facility and purchased necessary emergency supplies and equipment to eliminate the immediate threat to life, public health and safety during the COVID-19 response.

"FEMA's Public Assistance Program is an important resource for communities affected by COVID-19," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "This grant funding helped ensure the availability of critical medical services and equipment in Ohio to help combat this virus."

"Areas in and around Cleveland, Ohio continue to have the second highest rates of COVID-19 cases in the state," said Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Sima Merick. "This funding allows the Cleveland Clinic Foundation to continue its mission of providing critical medical care to patients."

The Public Assistance Program funding will be administered by Ohio EMA. FEMA provides 75 percent federal share of the total eligible project cost of \$11,470,414.80.

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 debris removal, disaster cleanup and emergency actions taken to protect lives or property. To learn more, visit FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>.



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