

# FEMA Awards Nearly \$1 Million to the Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center for Vaccine Distribution

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**REGION 1** – The state of Maine received a grant totaling nearly \$1 million from FEMA, awarded to help reimburse expenses associated with the set up and operation of a COVID-19 community vaccination center. Since January of 2020, COVID-19 created an immediate threat to the health and safety of the general public requiring emergency response and protective measures.

The grant of \$928,706 was given to the Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center located in Bangor, Maine for the Cross Insurance Vaccination Center. FEMA obligates funding directly to the state of Maine for the period of January 21, 2021 to April 21, 2021.

Included are costs for personal protective equipment (PPE); supplies required for storing, handling, distributing/transporting, and administering COVID-19 vaccines; emergency medical care for vaccine administration and needed supplies for medical waste.

The funding is awarded at 100% federal cost share through FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response and recovery activities during a disaster.

"We are pleased to provide funding to the Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center to help manage financial demands they are experiencing as a result of COVID-19," said Acting Regional Administrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Paul Ford, who oversees FEMA's operations in New England. "We continue to work closely with the state of Maine to support access to vaccines for all adults in America."

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program is found at:



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