

FEMA Awards \$11 Million for Alaska's COVID-19 Response

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BOTHELL, Wash. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) over \$11 million for the operation of COVID-19 community-based testing sites in the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

The \$11,037,116 grant, which is provided at 100 percent federal cost share, reimburses Anchorage for costs incurred during the COVID-19 emergency response for the operation and management of drive-thru and mobile testing sites.

"Testing is a vital part of the COVID-19 response and helps ensure the health and safety of Alaskans," said FEMA Region 10 Acting Administrator Vincent J. Maykovich.

Grants for emergency protective measures are funded through FEMA's [Public Assistance Grant Program](#), which reimburses communities for eligible actions taken to respond and recover from a disaster. This FEMA grant is paid directly to Alaska DHS&EM which then makes disbursements to the local and tribal jurisdictions and state agencies that incurred eligible costs.

FEMA streamlined the Public Assistance application and reimbursement process for the COVID-19 response so that applicants can receive funds faster. Expedited reimbursements help state, local and tribal officials respond quickly to address immediate threats to life, public health, and safety.

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