

FEMA Provides an Additional \$1.8 Million to Thornton for COVID-19 Response

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DENVER – The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided more than \$1.8 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Thornton, Colo. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued March 28, 2020. FEMA has disbursed a total of \$831 million for Colorado’s COVID-19 response to date.

President Biden approved a cost share increase from 75 percent to 100 percent for projects related to the pandemic response, which includes work completed between January 20, 2020, and September 30, 2021. This approval allowed FEMA to reimburse states, tribes, cities, and other partners for 100 percent of eligible costs.

The City of Thornton received this \$1.8 million for emergency protective measures. This funding covered three community-based testing site locations, and four locations for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. The funding also covered medical and testing supplies, drive-thru testing and vaccination facilities, rental trailers and buildings, personal protective supplies, generators, food, water, transportation, and processing of tests.

This funding is authorized under the January 21, 2021, Presidential Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense & the Secretary of Homeland Security and Section 403 of the Robert T. Stafford Act.

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.

