

FEMA Awards Nearly \$13 Million to the New Hampshire for COVID-19 Vaccination Costs

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly \$13 million to the State of New Hampshire to reimburse the state for the cost of contract labor and Information Technology (IT) to support vaccine administration during the COVID-19 pandemic.

One grant of \$11,860,000 will reimburse the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services for contracted labor to staff fixed and mobile vaccination sites between March 2021 and June 2022. A total of 34,706 vaccinations were administered throughout the state, including for homebound individuals, school staff, and other vulnerable individuals.

A second grant of \$1,014,042 will help pay for the purchase of IT materials needed to run vaccinations sites. Between January 2021 and June 2022, the department installed IT at over 200 vaccination sites by purchasing computers, software, monitors, cases, dock power, portable USB battery chargers, USB charger mobile power banks, keyboards and high-speed HDMI cables.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Reimbursing state, county, and municipal governments – as well as eligible non-profits and tribal entities – for the costs incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic is an important part of our nation’s ongoing recovery.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$246 million in Public Assistance grants to New Hampshire to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

