

FEMA Provides \$1.5 Million to Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) announced today that \$1,524,258 in federal funding has been made available to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration for costs related to the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal disaster declaration of April 3, 2020.

This funding is an advance payment to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration for eligible reimbursable costs to establish a call center to disseminate information about COVID-19 and vaccine safety, as well as provide vaccine appointment scheduling.

“FEMA is committed to helping our state and local partners expand access to the COVID-19 vaccine, so we can end this pandemic together,” said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. “This expedited grant funding will increase critical resources to inform the public about the importance of the COVID-19 vaccine and help people get access to it in their communities.”

“This assistance will provide Indiana even more resources to help Hoosiers understand the efficacy and safety of current vaccines while also connecting people to the resources they need to get vaccinated,” said Steve Cox, executive director for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. “FEMA and its Indiana partner agencies are dedicated to this outreach as an integral part of successfully battling this pandemic.”

FEMA provides funding at a 100 percent federal share of eligible reimbursable expenses for this project.

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 emergency actions taken to protect lives or property. To learn more, visit FEMA’s website at www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit. For more information about FEMA’s COVID-



19 vaccine support efforts, visit www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/vaccine-support.

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