

FEMA Awards More than \$1.7 Million to the City of Boston for COVID-19 Response

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REGION 1 – The City of Boston received over \$1.7 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help reimburse expenses associated with COVID-19 response efforts.

The grant of \$1,781,624 is specifically awarded to the city for costs incurred for the 500-bed facility at the Boston Hope site for non-acute care for the homeless during the spring of 2020. The costs being reimbursed include transportation, medical staffing and equipment and other costs to operate and manage the facility. This facility provided respite and basic health care for homeless individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 but did not require hospitalization.

This project is funded through FEMA’s Public Assistance Program that reimburses eligible applicants for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a major disaster. Eligible applicants include the state, federally recognized tribal governments, local governments, and certain private non-profit organizations. Project applications are submitted from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), which coordinates the process with eligible applicants.

FEMA awarded funding for this project directly to MEMA who works directly with the applicant to ensure all terms and conditions of the award are met before funding is disbursed.

“The City of Boston, in collaboration with Boston Hope Alternate Care Facility, provided essential assistance to a population in need. FEMA is pleased this grant will help manage financial demands they are experiencing as a result of the pandemic,” said Acting Regional Administrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Paul Ford, who oversees FEMA’s operations throughout New England. “We will continue to work closely with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of



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Boston in our shared efforts to address the challenges of COVID-19.”

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

<https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>

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