

# FEMA Provides Over \$4.8 Million to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

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**REGION 1** –FEMA awarded a \$4,863,467 grant to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) for its COVID-19-pandemic response and protective measures that ensured public safety statewide from Jan. 20, 2020 to Oct. 31, 2020.

FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program funds provided equipment, PPE and supplies – including tracking procurement and distribution from its Cranston headquarters warehouse – to departments, agencies, boards and commissions that performed that performed emergency protective measures, as well as medical and technical support. The funds are reimbursed 100% through FEMA's PA Program.

"This grant is just one of the many positive results of the amazing partnership between FEMA and Rhode Island through RIEMA," said Acting Regional Administrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Paul Ford, who oversees FEMA's operations in New England. "FEMA continues to support Rhode Island in its long-term goals to recover stronger and safer from the pandemic."

As of April 12th, FEMA's PA Program obligated more than \$177 million related to the pandemic in Rhode Island.

FEMA's PA Program in New England is for states, localities, Tribes and certain types of private nonprofit organizations. More information about it is at [Assistance for Governments and Private Non-Profits After a Disaster](#).

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