FEMA Awards Vermont Nearly $1.7 Million for COVID Sheltering Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly $1.7 million to the State of Vermont to reimburse the costs of providing non-congregate sheltering for the homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The $1,696,237 Public Assistance grant will go to the Vermont Agency of Human Services for contracting with two hotels – Harbor Place in Shelburne and the Ho Hum Motel in South Burlington – to provide rooms between October 2020 and March 2022. The state also contracted for transportation costs to return shelter occupants back to their original communities once cleared to do so by a healthcare professional.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Vermont with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

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 $359 million in grants to Vermont to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.