

FEMA Awards Over \$5.8 Million to Keene State College for COVID Testing Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$5.8 million to the State of New Hampshire to reimburse Keene State College for the cost of providing testing for students, faculty and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$5,847,714 FEMA Public Assistance grant [to the public liberal arts college in Keene will reimburse it for purchasing nearly 165,000 COVID-19 antigen tests between January 2021 and March 2022.](#)

The college also paid for 1,328 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests, as well as courier services for the tests to be transported to a laboratory for analysis.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Keene State College with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our institutions of higher education to combat the COVID-19 pandemic is critical to their success, and to 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 \$189 million in Public Assistance grants to New Hampshire to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

