

FEMA Provides \$45 Million for Utah COVID-19 Response

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DENVER – FEMA has provided more than \$45 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Utah. The assistance was made available under the major disaster declaration issued April 4 by President Trump.

A breakdown of the most recent funding is as follows:

- \$43.8 million in federal funding to the Utah Department of Health for Emergency Protective Measures for the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment and medical supplies, and the leasing of a storage and distribution warehouse through June 30;
- \$1.25 million in federal funding in expedited funding to the Utah Department of Health for Emergency Protective Measures to lease and stage the Mountain America Exposition Center, which was utilized as an alternate care site.

FEMA’s Public Assistance Program provides funding for emergency actions undertaken by communities to protect public safety, providing at least a 75-percent funding share for eligible costs. Remaining costs are the responsibility of the state and local applicants for assistance.

For the COVID-19 response, FEMA simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow local officials to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements can play a critical role as state, local and tribal officials work tirelessly to assist their communities during this response.

Additional support for the state of Utah has come in the form of mission assignments, in which FEMA has directed other federal agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to perform work to address needs identified by the state. The federal share for these mission assignments is currently \$18,774,906.

Additional information about FEMA’s Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.

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