

FEMA Provides an Additional \$8.6 Million for North Dakota COVID-19 Response

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DENVER – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided \$8.6 million in additional Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in North Dakota. The assistance was made available under the major disaster declaration issued April 1, 2020 by President Trump.

During the declaration period, a combined \$8.6 million in federal funds were provided to the North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services for emergency protective measures related to COVID-19. Some measures include labor, materials, rental equipment and contracts to provide management, control, and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety from COVID-19, N95 mask disinfection for health and medical institutions, dissemination of public information, staff enhanced medical facilities, and State community-based testing activities. Funding for these emergency protective measures is in addition to previously awarded federal funding.

To date, FEMA has provided more than \$31.2 million in Public Assistance funding for COVID-19 response efforts in North Dakota. 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 information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.

