

FEMA Provides An Additional \$1.2 Million For Montana COVID-19 Response

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DENVER – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided \$1.2 million in additional Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Montana. The assistance was made available under the major disaster declaration issued March 31, 2020.

This assistance has been provided to Montana Disaster and Emergency Services and represents a 75 percent federal cost share of the total project cost of \$1.6 million. These funds are for costs related to operation of the State Emergency Operations Center and staff, purchasing and distributing of personal protective equipment (PPE), safety equipment and supplies, and providing emergency medical staff for the treatment of suspected COVID-19 patients during the time period of February 19 to September 30, 2020. Funding for these emergency protective measures is in addition to previously awarded federal funding.

To date, FEMA has provided more than \$8.18 million in Public Assistance funding for COVID-19 response efforts in Montana.

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.

