## **FEMA Awards \$39 Million to Idaho for Community Vaccination Centers**

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**BOTHELL, Wash**. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded \$39 million in federal funding to the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) to support as many as five COVID-19 vaccination centers throughout the state.

FEMA has obligated an initial \$39,164,468 to IOEM at 100 percent federal cost share through the Public Assistance program. IOEM will disperse these funds to eligible applicants to cover the costs of emergency activities to support Idaho's vaccination effort ? including labor, contract services, security, refrigeration, supplies, equipment, administration, and facilities.

"These expedited funds will help our state and federal partners accelerate the important work of ensuring that everyone in Idaho who wants a vaccine can get one," said FEMA Region 10 Acting Administrator Vincent J. Maykovich.

IOEM estimates the FEMA-supported vaccination centers may administer more than one million vaccines during an operational period of 90 days.

FEMA has streamlined the <u>Public Assistance Grant Program</u> application and reimbursement process for the COVID-19 response in order to get funds to applicants faster. Expedited reimbursements help state, local, and tribal officials respond quickly to address immediate threats to life, public health, and safety.

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