FEMA Provides $5M to OhioHealth Corporation for COVID-19 Response Expenses

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) announced today that $5,166,613 in federal funding has been made available to OhioHealth Corporation–Greater Columbus Area Hospitals for costs related to the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the March 31, 2020, federal disaster declaration.

This funding will reimburse OhioHealth Corporation–Greater Columbus Area Hospitals for costs to provide COVID-19 screening, testing and patient care. Grant funding also includes costs for equipment, medical supplies and security related to OhioHealth Corporation's pandemic response.

"FEMA's Public Assistance program is an important resource for state and local governments, jurisdictions, and eligible private non-profits to cover eligible COVID-19 expenses," said Moises Dugan, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Since the start of the pandemic, FEMA has been committed to ensuring community partners have the resources they need. Supporting our states and communities will continue to be the highest priority for our agency as the response to COVID-19 continues."

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, OhioHealth has been an essential partner in Ohio's fight against COVID-19," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "This federal grant funding helps to provide the necessary tools and equipment that assist in preventing illnesses and saving lives."

FEMA provides a 100 percent federal share of eligible reimbursable expenses for this project.

“I would like to thank FEMA, Region 5 for its continued funding support to Ohio’s cities, counties and the entire state,” said Ohio EMA Executive Director Sima Merick. “With the federal Public Assistance program, OhioHealth can continue to provide public information on COVID-19, and to provide screenings and critical care, as we remain vigilant in the battle against coronavirus.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance Program provides funding to state and local governments, jurisdictions, and eligible private non-profits for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure as well as costs incurred for emergency actions taken to protect lives or property. To learn more, visit FEMA’s website at www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit.

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