

# FEMA Provides \$15.3M to University Hospitals for COVID-19 Response Costs

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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 \$15,375,666 in federal funding has been made available to University Hospitals Health Systems for costs related to the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal disaster declaration of March 31, 2020.

This funding will reimburse University Hospitals for costs to provide overtime labor, facility disinfection, personal protective equipment, COVID-19 testing and therapeutics, medical equipment, supplies and security.

“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. “This grant has helped ensure necessary medical services and equipment are available to fight this virus and protect the lives of Ohioans.”

“I would like to thank FEMA Region 5 for its continued funding support to not only University Hospitals Health Systems in Cleveland, but to the entire state of Ohio,” said Ohio EMA Executive Director Sima Merick. “FEMA’s ongoing support ensures that Ohio hospitals can continue to operate in this COVID environment, and provide medical services to Ohioans, efficiently and effectively.”

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

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-](http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-)



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