

FEMA Awards Nearly \$3.4 Million To The College Of The Holy Cross For Covid-19 Testing Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly \$3.4 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the College of the Holy Cross for the cost of testing students, faculty and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$3,387,116 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the private Jesuit college in Worcester for the cost of providing 96,487 coronavirus tests between January and June 2021.

The college worked with its healthcare provider, Evans Medical Foundation, to determine who was eligible to be tested and how often, as well as contracting to provide health monitoring for students and staff and purchasing materials such as face masks.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the College of the Holy Cross with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$947 million in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

Additional information about FEMA’s Public Assistance program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in Massachusetts, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4496>



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