FEMA Awards Vermont Almost $1.8 Million For COVID Testing Site Support

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly $1.8 million to the State of Vermont to reimburse the costs of providing wraparound services to testing sites during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The $1,786,777 Public Assistance grant will go to the Vermont Agency of Human Services for providing wraparound services to support testing locations across the state, including employees and visitors at state buildings; inmates, staff, and visitors at correctional facilities; students, staff, and visitors at public and non-profit schools; residents, staff, and visitors at non-profit long-term care facilities; and staff, campers, and visitors at public and non-profit summer camps.

Among the costs covered were:

- Facility rent/lease costs;
- Postage and delivery of the test vials and specimens;
- Tech equipment to set up testing sites;
- Cleaning services and cleaning supplies for the test sites;
- Materials and supplies used at test sites and
- Contractor labor costs associated with running test sites from the contractor, CIC Health

“FEMA is pleased to assist Vermont with these costs,” said FEMA Region I 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 $359 million in grants to Vermont to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.