FEMA Approves More Than $3 Million for Maine COVID-19 Costs

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REGION I – Maine will receive $3,353,905 from the FEMA for the cost of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for testing and care for the public due to COVID-19. The grant is awarded to the State as reimbursement for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including disposable non-sterile isolation gowns and disposable isolation suits.

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services and Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention distributed the PPE in response to emergency needs from organizations such as first responders, long-term care facilities, frontline caregivers, and others involved in the state's COVID-19 response. Additionally, the Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services distributed the PPE to essential State employees.

It is funded through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Grant program which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a disaster, allowing them to quickly move forward. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private non-profit organizations. The grant applications are submitted from the state, which coordinates the process with local governments.

"FEMA's Public Assistance grant program is essential to helping communities recovering from a federally declared disaster get back on their feet," said Regional Administrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Captain Russ Webster, who oversees FEMA's operations in Maine. The Maine Emergency Management Agency works with FEMA during all phases of the PA program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

"This funding is just one of the positive results of the partnership between FEMA and the State of Maine through Maine Emergency Management Agency," concluded Webster.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the state of Maine.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit.

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