FEMA Provides an Additional $4.1 Million to Utah for COVID-19 Response

DENVER – FEMA has approved more than $4.1 million in additional Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Utah. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued April 4, 2020. FEMA has provided a total of $113 million for the Utah COVID-19 response to date.

The $4.1 million was received by the Utah Department of Health for contract services to reserve facilities that will be used as Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities for COVID-19 positive LTC patients. LTC patients who tested positive for COVID-19 and were discharged from acute care were transferred to these designated LTC facilities for high-quality nursing care to mitigate the transmission of COVID 19.

This funding is authorized under the January 21, 2021, Presidential Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense & the Secretary of Homeland Security and Section 403 of the Robert T. Stafford Act.

For the COVID-19 response, FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow local officials to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements play a critical role as state, tribal and local officials work tirelessly to assist their communities during this response.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.