

# FEMA Provides \$26.9M to the Minnesota Department of Health for COVID-19 Response Costs

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**CHICAGO** – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management division (DPS-HSEM) announced today that \$26,931,775 million in federal funding has been made available to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for costs related to the state's COVID-19 response under the federal disaster declaration of April 7, 2020.

This funding is an advance payment to MDH for eligible reimbursable costs associated with COVID-19 testing and other related response costs across the state from January 1, 2022, through March 31, 2022. Testing will be performed at education, tribal and long-term care facilities, local public health sites and pop-up testing locations. Additionally, MDH will be provided surge bed capacity for Veterans Affairs hospitals.

"FEMA's Public Assistance program is an important resource for state and local governments and eligible private non-profits to cover eligible COVID-19 expenses," said Moises Dugan, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "This grant funding will help Minnesota expand COVID testing capacity and increase healthcare resources to continue their fight against the spread of this virus."

"COVID-19 has presented unique challenges for all of us and responding to the pandemic over the last two years has required collaboration across many sectors," Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm said. "We are thankful for the support and partnership of all our partners, and in particular the resources provided by the federal government to help sustain our response work."

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



FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding to state and local governments 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-non-profit](http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit)

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