

FEMA Awards Nearly \$1.3 Million to Westfield State University for COVID-19 Testing

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly \$1.3 million to Westfield State University to reimburse the college for the cost of contracting to test students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,269,231 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the public university in Westfield for the cost of diagnostic testing between February 2021 and June 2021.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Westfield State University with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our institutions of higher education in combating the COVID-19 pandemic is critical to their success, and to our success as a nation.”

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

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

