

FEMA Awards Nearly \$3 Million to Keene State College for COVID Testing

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly \$3 million to the State of New Hampshire to reimburse Keene State College for the cost of providing testing for students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$2,955,360 FEMA Public Assistance grant to the public liberal arts college in Keene will reimburse it for contracting to provide 27,099 COVID-19 tests between July and October 2020.

The college also paid an additional \$20 test setup administration fee for 12,273 individuals to cover the costs of registration, set ups, testing coordination, and the system to provide test results.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Keene State College with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our institutions of higher education to combat 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 and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$161 million in Public Assistance grants to New Hampshire to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

