

# FEMA Provides \$144M to Wisconsin Department of Administration

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**CHICAGO** – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) announced today that \$144,454,782 in federal funding has been made available to the Wisconsin Department of Administration for costs related to the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal disaster declaration of April 4, 2020.

This funding will reimburse Wisconsin Department of Administration for costs to [provide](#) diagnostic testing to reduce the threat of COVID-19 transmission statewide.

"FEMA's Public Assistance program is an important resource supporting our nation's pandemic response," said Tom Sivak, regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Testing has played a vital role in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and continues to be a key part of keeping our communities safe from this virus."

"We are extremely grateful to FEMA and WEM for their continued partnership and support of Wisconsin's COVID-19 testing efforts," said Deb Standridge, Deputy Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Health Services. "In coordination with our sister agency at the Wisconsin Department of Administration, testing for COVID-19 remains a critical tool for helping Wisconsinites to protect their health and make informed decisions when going out into the community."

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

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides supplemental grants to state, tribal, territorial and local governments, and certain types of private non-profits, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. 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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