FEMA Awards More Than \$1.5 Million to Maine General Medical Center for COVID Staffing Expenses

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1.5 million to the State of Maine to reimburse Maine General Medical Center for the cost of paying overtime for staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,523,580 Public Assistance grant will go to the non-profit health system headquartered in Augusta to cover the cost of having part-time and float staff work additional shifts above and beyond their regular schedule to provide emergency medical care services in departments with high volumes of COVID-19 patients between December 2021 and April 2022.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Maine General Medical Center with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

So far, FEMA has provided almost \$158 million in Public Assistance grants to Maine to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

