

FEMA Provides \$30M to Minnesota Department of Health for COVID-19 Response Expenses

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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 \$30 million in federal funding has been made available to the Minnesota Department of Health for costs related to the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal disaster declaration of April 7, 2020.

This funding will be used to reimburse the Minnesota Department of Health for contracted costs to provide testing kits, lab processing, training on proper testing supervision practices and technology for test tracking across the state from September 2021 through December 2021.

"FEMA's Public Assistance program is an important resource for state and local governments, jurisdictions, and eligible private non-profits to cover eligible COVID-19 expenses," said Moises Dugan, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "This grant funding helps ensure the availability of critical resources to keep people safe while effectively combating the spread of COVID-19."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has presented an historic set of challenges for our state and our people," Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm said. "For more than a year and a half, our public health system and our partners in other sectors have done amazing work on this emergency response effort to limit the impacts and give Minnesotans the tools they need to protect themselves. Federal funding support is instrumental in carrying out this response work. We are grateful for that support and for the willingness of so many Minnesotans to step up and help."

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



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FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding to state and local governments, jurisdictions, 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.

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