

## **FEMA Provides Additional \$5 Million for Montana Covid-19 Response**

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FEMA has approved an additional \$5 million for Montana's Covid-19 response effort through Public Assistance funding. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued March 31, 2020. FEMA's assistance for Montana's Covid-19 response now totals more than \$57.2 million.

The FEMA Public Assistance funds were awarded as follows:

- \$1.5 million was awarded to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for the operation of Missoula's and Butte's COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment clinics. The two clinics created separate entrances, infusion stations, and post-infusion observation areas to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and they provided additional contracted medical support staff.
- \$3.5 million was provided to the Montana Division of Emergency Services (MT DES) for the cost of managing the state's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process for Covid-19 to address the extent of this event and to enable local officials to receive eligible funds faster. These reimbursements funds play a key role as state, local, and tribal officials work to assist their communities during the Covid-19 response.

To fully support this essential work, the President authorized provision of FEMA Public Assistance at 100 percent federal funding through July 1, 2022. Beginning July 2, 2022, the federal cost share for COVID-19 projects is 90 percent of the eligible cost.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at [www.fema.gov/assistance/public](http://www.fema.gov/assistance/public).

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