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TO: COVID-19 Crisis Response Affiliates, Health Districts, and Large Cities  
RE: Local Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Response Funding – Allowable Costs

Source of Funding: local board of health COVID-19 related funding will be distributed from the Public Health Trust Fund (4500-1334)

Note: This funding is meant to serve as support for costs incurred due to COVID19 and are not intended to supplant regular municipal budgets.

Applicable funding areas:

1. Surveillance and case identification including, but not limited to, public health epidemiological investigation activities such as contact follow-up. Examples:
   a) Public Health Nurses for local health department to do contact tracing, case monitoring.
   b) Data management of quarantine/isolation cases.
   c) Surge staffing for local health department -- e.g. if the current health agent is spending half her time in meetings and dealing with calls from businesses & the public, she could use funding to hire some back up staff or to increase the hours of current staff to get regular health inspection work done. Please see the updated guidance on regular health inspection work.
   d) Public health coordination with healthcare systems and providers.
   e) Monitoring of travelers

2. Risk communications support. Example: call center staffing

3. Personal Protective Equipment for local public health staff only. Public Safety professionals (Police, Fire and EMS) should request PPE through MEMA.

4. Support for those in Isolation and Quarantine, including, but not limited to:
   a) Housing: Example: hotel rooms for those in isolation and quarantine who live with medically fragile people, or support for quarantine shelter operation.
   b) Wrap-around services and behavioral health services. Example: a community health worker to check in on non-medical needs of persons under isolation/quarantine orders, and connect them to community resources like fuel assistance, emergency food, etc.
   c) Security Example: if needed for enforcing isolation and quarantine or at a quarantine shelter.
   d) Environmental control, clean-up and waste management. Example: trash removal for those in I/Q, professional cleaning of homes of those with confirmed cases before they come home from the hospital/shelter.

Non-applicable funding areas:

- City/town municipal activities (law enforcement etc)
- Food and other sundries
- PPE for police, fire, EMS