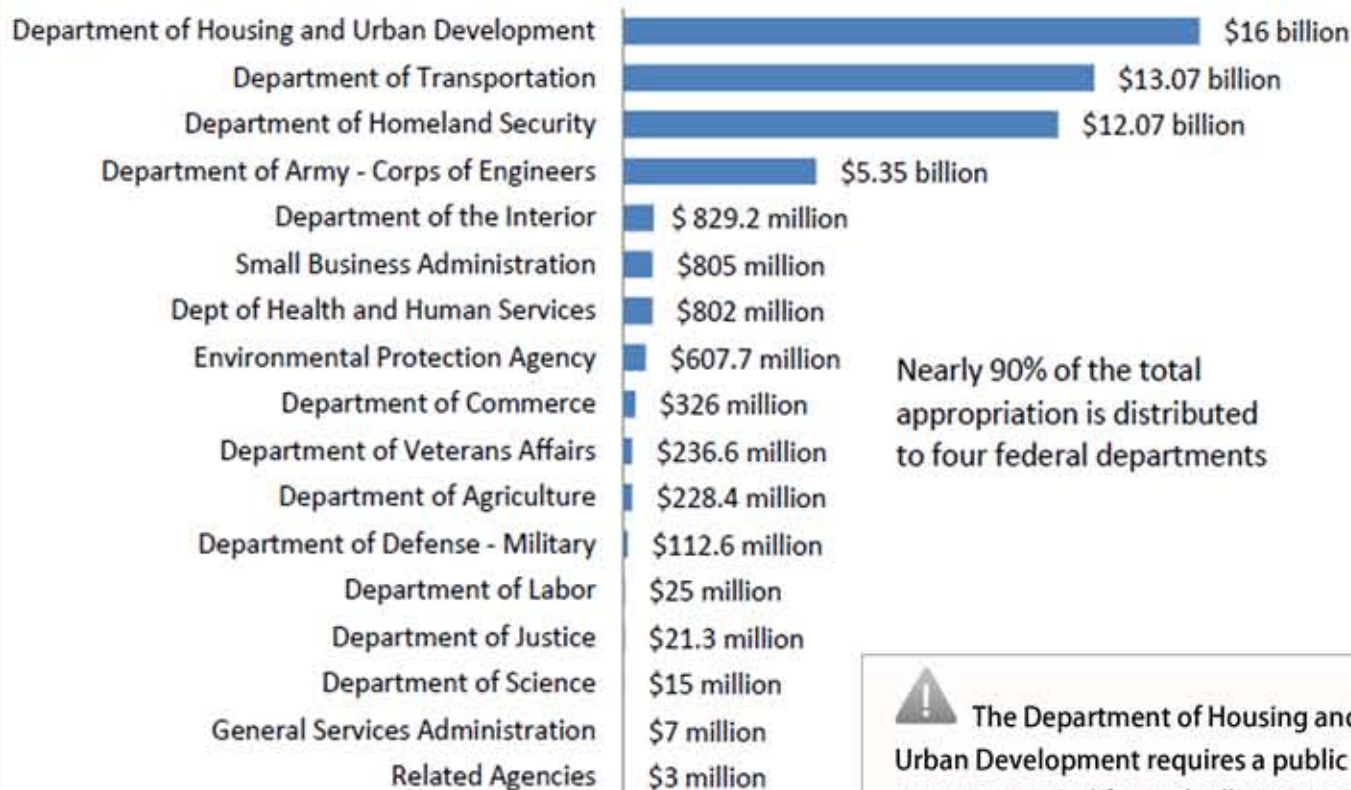


## At a Glance:


# Federal Disaster Relief after Hurricane Sandy

In January 2013, Congress passed H.R. 152, The Disaster Relief Act, a \$50.7 billion<sup>1</sup> aid package that allows federal agencies to allocate funds and provide services to areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters in 2011 and 2012.

## H.R. 152 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act



Nearly 90% of the total appropriation is distributed to four federal departments

 The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires a public comment period for each allocation of CDBG funds. NYC expects one or two additional rounds of CDBG funds.

### How much money will go to impacted areas?

Exactly how much money will go to a particular area is yet to be defined. However, there are \$16 billion in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for distribution in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and other areas impacted by natural disasters in the past two years. In May 2013, officials announced the first allocation of CDBG funds to New York City (\$1.7 billion), New York State (\$1.7 billion), New Jersey (\$1.8 billion), Connecticut (\$71.8 million), Maryland (\$8.6 million) and Rhode Island (\$3.2 million).<sup>2</sup>

### What is the deadline for when the funds must be allocated?

The Disaster Relief Act has various deadlines by when the funds "remain available by." For example, the CDBG funds are expected to be allocated by September 2017, though it's possible for Congress to extend this and other deadlines.

**Who decides how the money will be allocated?** For CDBG funds, HUD requires the city to describe how funds would be spent in an action plan, which was submitted for public comment in March 2013. Appropriations by federal agencies are administered by those departments to state and local agencies. Please visit GJNY's "Eye on Sandy" website for more details.

**What city agencies will get the money?** In its Partial Action Plan A, approved by the HUD in May 2013, the city laid out plans for use of CDBG funds in a variety of programs for housing, businesses, infrastructure and other services. These are described in more detail below.

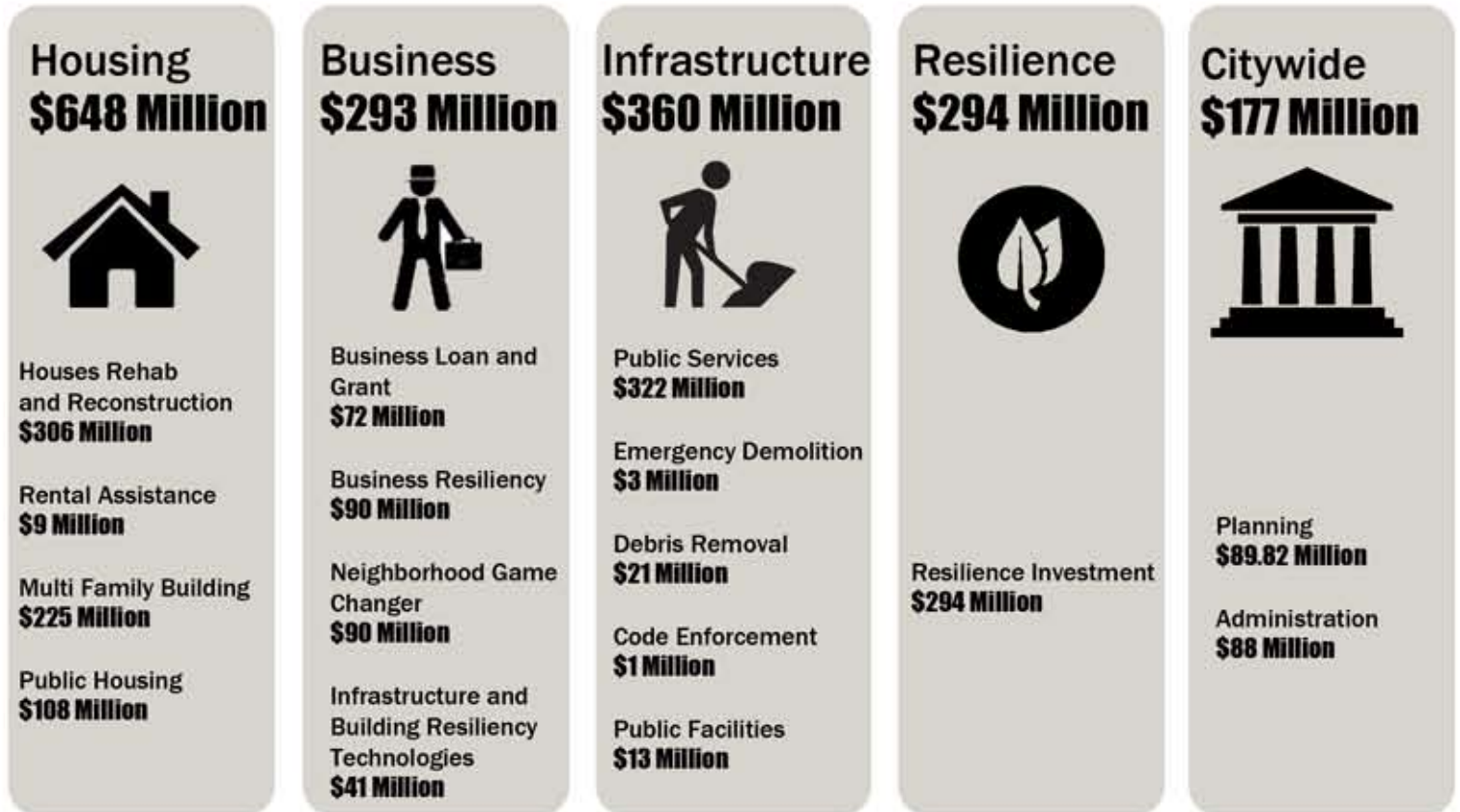
For more information, go to: <http://www.goodjobsny.org/>

<sup>1</sup> The Disaster Relief Act was reduced to \$48 billion due to federal budget cuts known as sequestration that may be negotiated in Congress.

<sup>2</sup> Source: HUD press release February 3, 2103 No. 13-014.

# NYC Hurricane Sandy Funds:

## First Round CDBG-DR Allocation - \$1.77 Billion



### Housing\*

**Houses Rehab & Reconstruction:** \$306 million for assisting single family homes or owner-occupied multi-family buildings, including up to 1,000 low- and moderate-income homeowners with major damage and 8,300 homes with moderate damage for: 1) reconstruction, 2) major rehabilitation, and 3) moderate rehabilitation. First priority for owners at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), or at or below 165% AMI with significant property damage. In NYC, the AMI for 2013 is \$85,900 for a family of four.

**Rental Assistance:** Up to \$9 million of rental subsidy for 600 displaced households for up to 2 years. (A recently proposed amendment reallocates \$10 million from Multi-Family Buildings program to the Rental Assistance program.)

**Multi-Family Buildings Rehab:** \$225 million in low or no-interest loans for 13,000 affordable and market-rate units. \$10 million to serve chronically homeless people; \$75 million to retrofit affordable housing developments; maximum loan amount: \$200,000.

**NYCHA:** \$108 million for emergency response and increasing resiliency for future flood events. Initial phase will focus on 100 most vulnerable buildings.

\* The Housing programs will be coordinated by the Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations, HPD, HDC, DEP, and NYCHA.

### Business\*\*

**Business Loan and Grant Program:** \$72 million to 750 businesses to retain 7,500 jobs in areas impacted by flooding and power outages. Loans up to \$150,000 and grants up to \$60,000. Administered by NYC Dept. of Small Business Services (SBS).

**Business Resiliency:** \$90 million Funds for small businesses located within FEMA's 100-year floodplain for physical resiliency investments. Administered by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC).

**Neighborhood Game Changer Competition:** \$90 million Loans of up to \$20 million to fund a winning project(s) would anchor industry "clusters" for businesses making significant investments in one of five hardest hit areas. Administered by NYCEDC.

**Infrastructure and Building Resiliency Technologies Competition:** \$41 million awarded to firms for identifying and implementing resiliency measures in buildings and infrastructure, focusing on energy and increasing building system resiliency. Subject to Davis-Bacon/Section 3 requirements. Administered by NYCEDC, in coordination with the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability.

\*\* For all the business programs, the Partial Action Plan states that NYCEDC may waive a requirement that eligible applicants meet the SBA definition for 'small business.'

### Infrastructure

**Public Service:** \$322 million Reimbursement to the city for costs spent on emergency services and storm recovery including the City Hotel Program, Homebase, and Relocation services. Administered by numerous city agencies.

**Emergency demolition:** \$3 million for reimbursement to city for the demolition of 400 structures damaged by the storm. Administered by Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development.

**Debris Removal/Clearance:** \$21 million for reimbursement to the city for cleaning up storm debris, sand sifting and removal of nearly 20,000 trees. Administered by various city agencies.

**Code enforcement:** \$1 million reimbursement to the city for assessing structural safety of damaged residential and commercial buildings after Sandy. Administered by NYC Department of Buildings.

**Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of Public Facilities:** \$13 million for repair of hospitals, schools beaches and other public services. Administered by various city agencies.

### Resilience

\$294 million for citywide resiliency projects, including those proposed in the Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency report.

### Citywide

\$177.82 million for long-term community planning and rebuilding. Administered by various city agencies.