

With a high volume of media coverage in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Good Jobs New York is keeping the spotlight on how government money is proposed to be spent in the rebuilding process. For more information on transparency and opportunities for community involvement, follow us on Twitter @GoodJobsNewYork #EyeOnSandyMoney. Also, let us know how we can adjust this alert to make it better

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Keeping an eye on Hurricane Sandy recovery dollars Weekly News Round-up: August 29 - September 5

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Dazed and confused about the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013? We can help. Check out Good Jobs New York's new tool to help New Yorker's understand the Federal Disaster Relief Act and New York City's plan for the first round of CDBG funds.

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Action Item

NYC Build It Back: Tier 1 Environmental Reviews for the proposed CDBG-DR funded action have been [posted](#) for Single Family Houses, Multi-Family Buildings, and NYCHA Rehabilitation and Resilience. NOTE: There is no public comment period associated with these notices.

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the New York City Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a [public notice](#) of proposed activity in a 100-year flood plain. \$225 million of CDBG-DR funds has been proposed to renovate 16 multifamily buildings. Written comments, including alternative proposals and concerns about adverse impacts are due by **September 7**. Comments may be sent to HPD at:

100 Gold Street, New York, NY 10038

Attn: Patrick Blanchfield, Director of Environmental Planning, Office of Development, Room 9I-7

Comments may also be submitted electronically
tonepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov.

This Week's News

Disaster Relief

FEMA [announced](#) an extension of the Transitional Sheltering Assistance program allowing those displaced by Sandy to stay in hotels until September 16, 2013. [New York Daily News](#)

Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy [announced](#) that homeowners can apply [online](#) for grants (funded by Community Development Block Grants) to rebuild.

Data collection techniques, particularly body language used in door-to-door surveys of individuals in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, may affect the quality of the data gathered. [Superstorm Research Lab](#)

A new policy announced by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie would allow marinas that serve the public to apply for small business grants of up to \$50,000. Previously, HUD policy did not allow relief

Transparency Tip:

The Star Ledger created an interactive tool to help track the use of Sandy funds in New Jersey municipalities. [Sandy Recovery Scorecard](#)

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aid for marinas, considering them a 'luxury industry.' [USA Today](#)

Health care researchers in East Brunswick, NJ received federal relief funds to study Hurricane Sandy's effects on the elderly. [The Star-Ledger](#)

An interagency debris removal task force received a Green Star reward that recognized its cleanup and recycling of debris in the aftermath of Sandy. [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Press Release](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

New York City Councilmember James Oddo proposed a plan that would raise clusters of homes in Staten Island waterfront communities. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

A free ferry connecting Red Hook, Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan will continue on weekends through September. [NYCEDC press release](#)

Questions remain about how or if New Jersey officials will implement the federal Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force guidelines by incorporating resiliency efforts and regional coordination of emergency plans. [NJ Spotlight](#)

ALSO: Chris Sturm, senior director of state policy for New Jersey Future calls on the Christie Administration to heed the Task Force recommendations. [The Star-Ledger](#)

Revenues in parts of the Jersey Shore are down \$3.5 million due to rainy weather and smaller crowds than in past years. [The Wall Street Journal](#) and [Asbury Park Press](#)

ALSO: Attendance numbers at Rockaway Beaches in Queens, collected by New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, were down significantly this year. About 3.2 million people visited Rockaway Beach this year compared with over 7.7 million people last year. [WNYC](#)

Some property owners in New Jersey are refusing to allow a 22-foot dune along 50-miles of the Jersey Shore. Citing threat of storm surge, a growing group of residents are calling for municipalities to take the properties through eminent domain. [The New York Times](#)

NJ Transit says 66 percent of its train cars that were damaged by flooding during Sandy have been repaired, costing \$40 million. [Asbury Park Press](#)

Some scientists predict changes in atmospheric wind patterns due to climate change could minimize future hurricanes along North American coastlines. [National Geographic](#), [The Atlantic Cities](#) and [TheWeek.com](#)

Housing

For some homeowners in New York and New Jersey, the soaring cost of flood insurance is making it impractical to rebuild or remain in their homes. [NBCnews.com](http://www.nbcnews.com)

Ocean County, NJ officials estimate approximately 25,000 people in the county remain displaced after losing their homes due to Sandy. [NJ 101.5](http://www.nj101.5)

Jobs

New York State Assemblyman Phillip Goldfeder (D-Rockaway Beach) announces a new Workforce 1 Center at the library in Far Rockaway, Queens, citing the need for good-paying jobs in the Rockaways and southern Queens. [Queens Chronicle](http://www.queenschronicle.com)

Advocacy News

List your upcoming event here! Email elizabeth@goodjobsfirst.org

Regional

Thursday, September 12 - Saturday, October 5. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, will be hosting a series of public meetings, as part of the Rebuild by Design program. Participants may be called on to share thoughts and ideas at four workshops to be held around the region (locations in Manhattan, Staten Island, New Jersey, and Connecticut). For a schedule of the first round of public meetings, locations, and to RSVP, go to <http://bit.ly/1cLLhy2>.

Grant Deadline: September 30. Grants are available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. [The Coastal Resilience Networks \(Crest\) grant program](http://www.noaa.gov) for communities impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Grants range from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Tuesday September 10, 2013, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Free Webinar: Catastrophe Risk Update 2013: Extreme Global Weather Events. [Registration](http://www.registration.com) is required.

Hurricane Sandy relief volunteer opportunities in New York City are listed at [New York Cares](http://www.newyorkcares.org)

New York State

\$27 million in federal National Emergency Grant (NEG) funds via the New York State Department of Labor Jobs for Cleanup Work program will be used to hire workers to assist with clean-up work efforts. For an application, information, and a list of jobs visit <http://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/neg.shtm>

Brooklyn

Saturday, September 14, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. [Homeowner Resource Forum](http://www.homeownerresourceforum.com) sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush. Capital One Bank, 1425 Rockaway Pkwy (on the corner of Glenwood Rd) Brooklyn, NY 11236. For more information contact Tyrone McDonald at 718-469-4679 or email infoef_01@nhsnyc.org. Free.

Governor's Island

The International Center of Photography [exhibition of photographs](http://www.icp.org) about Hurricane Sandy and the storm's devastation and the region's recovery over the past ten months. "Rising Waters: Photographs of Hurricane Sandy," on view at Building 19, Nolan Park, Governor's Island through September 29.

Long Island

Thursday, September 12, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. American Planning Association New York Metro Chapter presents [Long Island Reconstruction and Resilience: Learning From Other States and Europe](#). Allegria Hotel on the Boardwalk, City of Long Beach.

Manhattan

Wednesday, September 11, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Neighbor Works America Northeast Region presents [Navigating the Road to Housing Recovery: Training the Counselor](#). This one-day course is designed for housing counselors and others working with disaster victims. 641 Lexington Avenue (@54th Street), 4th Floor Conference Rooms B & C.

New Jersey

Tuesday, October 29. [Superstorm Sandy: One Year Later conference](#). Monmouth University, West Long Branch, N.J. Presented by Monmouth University, New Jersey Future, New Jersey Recovery Fund.

Advocacy Reports

[A Disaster in the Making: Addressing the Vulnerability of Low-Income Communities to Extreme Weather](#). This new report from the Center for American Progress examines current disaster recovery policies and offers recommendations for how government can increase communities' resiliency after storm impacts.

[2013 New Jersey Hurricane Sandy Long-Term Relief and Recovery Assistance Guide](#) from the United Way.

The Superstorm Research Lab, a mutual aid research collective, is working to understand the changes in how New York City policy actors, NGO leaders, activists, volunteers, and residents are thinking about social, economic and environmental issues following Hurricane Sandy.

The Sandy Regional Assembly released its community-based [analysis](#) of the Bloomberg Administration's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR) report.

New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio documents the efforts of community-based organizations providing disaster relief services for low-income families after Sandy: [Supporting Community-Based Disaster Response: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Sandy](#)

The Center for Urban Real Estate: [NYC 2040: Housing the Next One Million New Yorkers](#)

American Planning Association-New York Metro Chapter for the Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation: [Getting Back to Business; Addressing the Needs of Rockaway Businesses Impacted by Superstorm Sandy](#)

The Sandy Regional Assembly, made up of environmental justice organizations, community-based groups, labor unions, and advocates have released [Recovery from the Ground Up: Strategies for community-based resiliency in New York and New Jersey](#). Based on input from grassroots groups, the Recovery Agenda includes priorities relating to low-income people, communities of color, immigrants, and workers.

The Alliance for a Just Rebuilding released [Sandy's Mold Legacy: The Unmet Need Six Months After the Storm](#)

For more advocacy resources, visit Good Jobs New York's [Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money](#)

Federal, State & Local Resources

Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force report, [Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Strategy: Stronger Communities, A Resilient Region](#)

ALSO: Good Jobs New York provides a critique of the federal Task Force recommendations in [a three-part blog series](#).

[Disaster Recovery Bulletin](#), August 2013. A weekly electronic newsletter from the Hurricane Sandy federal disaster recovery coordination team.

ProPublica's [list](#) of the best journalism on the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy.

[Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program](#). This program, through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior, aims to fund ways to rebuild wetlands, beaches and other ecosystems.

顯利街社服中心「希望之星」撫慰珊迪災民受創心靈 - Henry Street Settlement in Lower Manhattan provides free mental health counseling to people and families affected by Sandy. Hot line: (800) 543-3638; In Chinese: (877) 990-8585.

The New York [Community Reconstruction Program](#), formerly known as Community Reconstruction Zones; the program's website includes an interactive map of the "NY Rising Communities" and a prominent link for making public comment.

[The New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Sandy Recovery Resource Guide](#), updated July 9, 2013.

Report by the U.S. Department of Energy: [U.S. Energy Sector Vulnerabilities to Climate Change and Extreme Weather](#). Part of the Obama Administration's national climate change adaptation planning, this report examines current and potential impacts of climate trends on the nation's energy sector. It includes an interactive map showing the location of current climate vulnerabilities in the energy sector.

[Hurricane Sandy: An Assessment of Impacted Commercial Corridors and Recommendations for Revitalization \[pdf\]](#). This report by the New York City Department of Small Business Services and the New York City Economic Development Corporation provides an assessment of commercial corridors in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Manhattan, and Queens.

The New York City Economic Development Corporation released its RFP for the "Neighborhood Game Changer" competition. Winning proposals will receive up to \$18 million in CDBG funds to support the proposed project. Deadline for submission is Monday, September 9, 2013. [NYCEDC Press Release](#)

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