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

Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money
Weekly News Round-up: December 12-19

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Sandy News Round-up on holiday break

We'll be on break until January 9. In the meantime, be sure to follow @GJNY#EyeOnSandyMoney for timely news and Sandy-related updates.

Transparency Tip

Visit New York Rising recovery website for a summary of funding awards by county.

Have you checked out our updated website Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money? Now it's easier than ever to find news, resources, upcoming events and other helpful materials. Check it out, tell us what you think, and keep an eye out for more expansions.

Like our weekly round-up? Please forward to a friend.

Action Items

New York Rising has posted interactive online maps for six New York City communities. The public is encouraged to provide feedback on plans proposed in their community.

This Week's News

Disaster Relief

ProSource Technologies of Minneapolis, MN won a no-bid contract for managing CDBG-DR grants for New York State, including processing applications, verifying eligibility, and other administrative tasks.Newsday

Staten Island Republican lawmakers are calling on Mayor Bloomberg to increase the flow of Build It Back payments before the end of his administration. Of the nearly 5,000 Staten Island applications, 255 have received a damage assessment and only 42 have been given a commitment of an award. Staten Island Advance

CNN named HUD's Rebuild by Design competition one of the 10 best ideas in 2013. CNN

The United States Department of Agriculture announced $19.2 million in funding will be made available for floodplain easements to assist landowners in flood-prone areas who were affected by Sandy.

The American Institute of Architects' winning design from its Designing Recovery competition features a tornado-resisent core and was designed with affordability in mind. Equipment World

Over $600,000 in donations to a phony charity in New Jersey have not yet been re-distributed to legitimate Sandy Relief organizations.Asbury Park Press

New York Cares and other charities report a

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significant drop in donations this year compared with the outpouring of generosity in the wake of Hurricane Sandy last year. New York Press

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

New York City plans to spend $100 million on flood prevention projects on Staten Island's East Shore including new storm sewers, water mains, and a seawall along with the expansion of the "Mid-Island Bluebelt." Gotham Gazette and New York Environment Report

ALSO: U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer announced the New York City Department of Environmental Protection will receive $7.5 million in U.S. Department of Agriculture funds to expand the Staten Island Bluebelt for stormwater management. Staten Island Advance

ALSO: Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis is the only Staten Island State lawmaker to commit to Hurricane Sandy rebuilding efforts as a top priority of the upcoming legislative session.Staten Island Advance

The MTA has proposed a plan to repair Lower Manhattan's South Ferry subway station that will require negotiations with the Parks Department. WNYC/Transportation Nation

The rehabilitation of the Gowanus Canal Flushing Tunnel, which resumed operation this week after being closed in 2010 for repairs, includes flood-resilience measures such as elevating the control room. Brooklyn Daily Eagle

New York Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten E. Gillibrand along with Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder announced $1.8 million in FEMA funding for repairs to P.S. 207 in Rockwood Park, Queens.

Citing the importance of reliable ferry service to restoring transit after Sandy, the Bloomberg Administration announced plans to keep ferry service running until 2019.

This video interview with civil engineer Dorothy Reed highlights the effects of Sandy on critical infrastructure and how mapping can help increase resilience of infrastructure systems. Live Science

Housing

New Jersey's Fair Share Housing Coalition reports that African American and Latino applicants for the

Resettlement and Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation, Programs were rejected at a higher rate than Caucasians. The Star-Ledger

ALSO: Most of New Jersey's housing programs to assist low and moderate income residents after the storm are meeting their goals. The exception is the "Resettlement Program" where 44% of its funds have helped that population. Newsworks

On Long Island, New York 2,400 homeowners have received nearly $83 million according to NY Rising. Newsday

Church leaders rallied on Wednesday and urged the de Blasio administration to expedite release of Build it Back funds to families waiting to rebuild. New York Daily News

A New York Supreme Court judge denied a group of tenants of three Sandy-affected building from filing a class action lawsuit against their respective landlords for rent paid during the time a building was uninhabitable due to the storm. Real Estate Weekly

New York City Housing Authority officials estimate 110 ground floor apartments flooded in Sandy are still empty and awaiting repairs. The New York Times

ALSO: A settlement between NYCHA and public housing residents would require NYCHA to remove mold and fix leaks or other problems contributing to mold within seven to 15 days of receiving a work order. The New York Times

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Jobs

The Centers for Disease Control awarded $547,000 to Queens College and Make the Road New York for research and recommendations on the working conditions of immigrant laborers in post-disaster reconstruction projects. The Gazette

A new report by New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli claims that despite struggling after Sandy, Queens currently has the highest private sector employment rate growth in the city. NY1

Events

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

Upcoming application deadlines

The Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program funded by the federal disaster relief appropriation will award $100 million in grants to projects throughout the region affected by

Sandy for wetland restoration and shoreline resilience.

Through January 16: Public comments on New York City Office of Emergency (OEM), in partnership with the Department of City Planning (DCP), draft 2014 New York City Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Comment form available online only.

January 21: Responses due for New York City Economic Development Corporation's RFEI for economic recovery of eight State Island locations.

Friday, January 31: Request for Proposal deadline for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grants Program. The program will provide $100 million in funding through the U.S. Department of Interior for projects to restore, enhance or create ecological systems that benefit fish and wildlife species and protect them against threats from flooding and severe weather.

February 15: Applications due for grants for civil infrastructure resilience research through The National Science Foundation Hazard Mitigation and Structural Engineering program.

Grants for FY2014 Economic Development Assistance Programs through the Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce were announced. [Deadlines are posted for each program.]

Regional

January 9 and 10, 2014. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm: Hurriplan: Resilient Building Design for Coastal Communities. A two-day performance-level course which provides planning and design professionals with the knowledge and training necessary to design hurricane resilient commercial and institutional buildings. Enterprise Community Partners 1 Whitehall St, 11th floor New York, NY 10004. Register

Tuesday, January 28, 2:30 - 4:00 pm: Webinar: Disaster Preparedness and Economic Recoveryseries from Restore Your Economy

Brooklyn

Friday, December 20, 6:00 pm: Gerritsen Beach/Sheepshead Bay Planning Committee Meeting. Amity School, 3867 Shore Pkwy.

Manhattan

December 27-29: The Museum of the City of New York will host a special presentation of its Rising Waters exhibit. 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street.

Queens

January 7, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Rockaway-Broad Channel Long Term Recovery Group meeting. St. John's Episcopal Hospital (BOCES building) 518 Beach 20th. Street, Far Rockaway

Advocacy Reports

New Jersey's Fair Share Housing Center documents its concerns that African Americans and Latinos are being rejected from Sandy relief at higher rates than Caucasians. Fair Share Housing Center Blog

Parsons Brinckerhoff produces The Sandy Disaster Awareness Report, a summary of key developments and funding priorities in the region affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Day Labor, Worker Centers & Disaster Relief Work in the Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. This report discusses the challenges that workers faced during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and the role

that worker centers played to protect the health and safety of workers in New York and New Jersey.

Hurricane Sandy Fall 2013 Update: FEMA Assistance Analysis. Enterprise Community Partners examines the level of need and the response efforts in New York and New Jersey following Hurricane Sandy. This brief includes data related to FEMA inspections of those who registered for assistance and the amount that had been awarded to those with assessed damage.

Hurricane Sandy: Housing Needs One Year Later. Enterprise Community Partners provides a summary of early findings from a survey of storm victims to measure the ongoing impact of Hurricane Sandy, one year after the storm.

A Tale of Two Recoveries. A report by Street Easy reviews how quickly the real estate market recovered after Hurricane Sandy, and by how much by analyzing sales and rentals by boroughs and neighborhoods.

The New York Building Congress released its annual forecast and anticipates an increase in construction spending for 2013-2015, in part due to post-Sandy infrastructure projects.

After Sandy: Advancing Strategies for Long-Term Resilience and Adaptability. A report from the Urban Land Institute offers 23 recommendations on land use, infrastructure, finance, and governance for local and federal post-Sandy community rebuilding plans.

The Urban Green Council maintains a proposal tracker to follow the status of the Building Resiliency Task Force report proposals geared at making New York buildings safer and more resilient to extreme weather.

A Disaster in the Making: Addressing the Vulnerability of Low-Income Communities to Extreme Weather. A report by the Center for American Progress examines current disaster recovery policies and offers recommendations for how government can increase communities' resiliency after storms.

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 urban green council maintains a proposal tracker to follow the status of the Building Resiliency Task Force report proposals geared at making New York buildings safer and more resilient to extreme weather.

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

NEW: A helpful visual guide to the agencies and key decision-makers distributing federal disaster relief funds.

NEW: Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. - Brooklyn Sandy Relief Legal Clinic.

New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program Community Mapping project has posted interactive online maps for six New York Rising communities in New York City. The public is encouraged to provide feedback on their community's plan. Final Community Reconstruction Plans are due by March 31, 2014.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released its Hurricane Sandy Coastal Projects Performance Evaluation Study, as required by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013.

FEMA has released its preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs); see also FEMA's guide ofFrequently Asked Questions on the new maps.

Office of Inspector General Audit Report: Initial Assessment of FTA's Oversight of Emergency Relief Program and Hurricane Sandy Relief Funds

The New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Hurricane Sandy Immigrant Outreach Initiative Report on efforts to address the needs of immigrant New Yorkers impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

NYC Service Initiatives Hurricane Sandy Recovery; links to ongoing volunteer opportunities for Sandy relief and recovery work.

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City (a private 501-c3) released an update of how the funds it raised for Sandy aid has been allocated.

Presentations are available from the "Sandy: One Year Later" conference hosted by NJ Future.

The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce released a Disaster Preparedness Checklist for small businesses.

Next City, a weekly urban affairs publication, is launching a new the Resilient Cities series, which will focus on preparation and resiliency planning for disasters in urban areas around the world.

Rand Corporation report, Flood Insurance in New York City Following Hurricane Sandy

FEMA's Hurricane Sandy: One Year Later provides updates on recovery efforts, a timeline and other resources.

National Emergency Grant Awards categorized by year.

NYC Service, a citywide service opportunity portal, with links to various ongoing recovery and response projects.

New York City's Action Plan A for use of $1.7 billion in Community Development Block Grants, including four amendments to the plan can be found at the NYC Recovery: Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery website. Also, read Good Jobs New York's comments on the recent amendment to the action plan and more on our page for Action Plans for Hurricane Sandy Recovery Funds

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 athree-part blog series.

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.

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