

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 dollars Weekly News Round-up: July 4-11

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This week's news

Disaster Relief

Sustainable Long Island announced that it is one of the teams chosen to participate in the New York State Reconstruction Zone Program to develop community-driven rebuilding plans funded by federal CDBG money. The program was [announced](#) by Gov. Cuomo in April. [Sustainable Long Island blog](#)

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority announced in its monthly board meeting that 26 companies have been approved for federally-funded relief grants worth \$1.4 million in total. [NJBiz](#)

New Jersey Future joined with other advocacy organizations to present recommendations to President Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force. [New Jersey Future Facts](#)

An analysis by The Star-Ledger of the \$6 billion of federal funding earmarked for New Jersey agencies revealed that approximately \$816 million has been distributed. Officials cite strict oversight and extensive paperwork as the cause for delays. [The Star-Ledger](#)

珊迪重災區「世醫」長期服務 – Doctors and volunteers with Doctors of the World continue to aid individuals seriously impacted by Sandy, focusing on the elderly, low-income families and individuals, and undocumented immigrants. [World Journal](#)

New York Assemblymember Phil Goldfeder (D-Far Rockaway, Queens) is persuading Sandy victims to register for the city rebuilding program, NYC Build it Back. [The Yeshiva World](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure

New York City officials submitted testimony to the state Public Service Commission against proposed ConEd rate increases, arguing that the utility should instead be penalized for its performance problems during and after Sandy. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Residents and community leaders of Broad Channel, Queens are eager for implementation of a \$22 million plan to install bulkheads and raise streets and sidewalks by three feet. Some climate resiliency experts warn that the city's plan for the neighborhood is unrealistic and short-sighted. [The New York Times](#)

洛克威渡輪延至勞工節結束 - Ferry service between the Rockaway section of Queens and Lower Manhattan will provide weekend service to Jacob Riis Park and will continue through Labor Day. [NY1](#) and [World Journal](#)

Many climate experts admit that storm surge is both difficult to predict and to effectively warn residents about. Connecticut officials are seeking new approaches to educating residents about the risks of storm surge. [The CT Mirror](#)

An interview with landscape architect and climate resiliency expert Kevin Shanley on green infrastructure initiatives such as China's advances with "wetland parks" and coastal managed retreat strategies. [The Dirt via Grist](#)

Housing

FEMA has extended the checkout date for participants in the Transitional Sheltering Assistance program in New York City until August 6. [DNAinfo](#), [Staten Island Advance](#) and [The Epoch Times](#) [Chinese]

Jobs

纽约市失足青少年获夏季工作帮助桑迪重建 - Mayor Bloomberg [announced](#) the launch of NYC Summer Youth WRAP, a seven-week program aimed at helping youth with misdemeanor convictions find paid summer jobs at Hurricane Sandy restoration projects throughout the city. [WFUV](#) [English] and [The Epoch Times](#) [Chinese]

Gov. Christie signed an executive order to allow teens volunteering with relief organizations to help with post-Sandy rebuilding. The order by-passes a state law that prohibits minors from entering a construction site. [Newsworks New Jersey](#)

Three workers were injured when a Sandy-damaged home in Little Egg Harbor Township of Southern New Jersey collapsed. [The Associated Press](#)

Advocacy News

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

Hurricane Sandy relief volunteer opportunities in New York City are listed at [New York Cares](#)

Manhattan

麥迪臣中心 7月12日辦除黴菌講座 - Friday July 12, 2-3 pm: Madison Community Center (50 Madison Street, Chinatown) will hold a seminar about mold removal for Sandy-affected houses. To attend, RSVP at (212)571-2823. (First priority for residents in zip code 10002).

Friday July 26, 9-10:30 am: [Auxiliary Power: Backup Strategies that work](#). All facility managers,

plant operators, developers, and property owners are welcome to attend the latest installment of the Resiliency Speakers Series organized by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. In addition to this in-person event, sessions will be available via Webex. Please [register](#).

Queens

New York Cares project, Play and Read at Goldie Maple Academy in the Rockaways section of Queens focuses on the long term rebuilding needs of the area and is seeking volunteers for July. Information at New York Cares [blog](#).

New Jersey

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday October 29, 2013: Superstorm Sandy: One Year Later conference. Monmouth University, West Long Branch, N.J. Presented by Monmouth University, New Jersey Future, New Jersey Recovery Fund.

Volunteers are needed for rebuilding construction teams. Details and sign-up information [here](#).

The Christie Administration [released](#) best practices for treating mold in flooded homes. Additionally, the New Jersey Department of Health will offer training sessions in mold removal and assessment.

Advocacy Reports

New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio released a report documenting 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 identifying priority projects for the Sandy recovery process, the Recovery Agenda includes priorities of low-income people, communities of color, immigrants, and workers.

The [2013 CoreLogic Storm Surge Report](#) ranks storm surge risk for U.S. metropolitan areas; New York metro region is ranked number 1. New Orleans is number 5.

Climate Central, [Hurricane Sandy's Untold Filthy Legacy: Sewage](#)

The Pratt Center for Community Development has [published](#) a series of maps documenting the storm's impacts on low-income residential communities and Industrial Business Zones.

Enterprise Community Partners, ['Measuring the Response to Hurricane Sandy'](#)

Food Bank For New York City, [Hurricane Sandy Response: 100 Days of Meeting the Needs](#)

Furman Center for Real Estate & Urban Policy, [Sandy's Effects on Housing in New York City](#).

The Alliance for a Just Rebuilding released [Sandy's Mold Legacy: The Unmet Need Six Months After the Storm](#); Other reports include: [After Sandy, Prioritizing the Vulnerable and Displaced: Fixing Major Flaws in City Hall's Disaster Recovery Planning](#)

Several non-profit organizations have endorsed [Post-Sandy Rebuilding Principles: Building a sustainable region and economy, creating jobs for all](#). We encourage you to sign on, too. Contact bettina@goodjobsfirst.org for more information.

Federal, State & Local Resources

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force has announced [Rebuild By Design: Hurricane Sandy Regional Planning and Design Competition](#) (pdf). Selected project designs will be implemented with CDBG-DR funds. The Request for Qualification deadline is July 19. [HUD Press Release](#)

The New York City Economic Development Corporation announced its request for proposals 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](#)

Institute for Public Knowledge on the immediate aftermath of Sandy and the rebuilding process. [Superstorm Sandy Research Initiative](#)

Report by the New York City Department of City Planning Sustainable Communities Consortium, [Designing for Flood Risk](#) and [Urban Waterfront Adaptive Strategies](#)

Newly updated [Hurricane Evacuation Maps](#) for New York City

FEMA's [revised preliminary flood maps](#) for counties in New Jersey and New York City

New York City Panel on Climate Change: [Climate Risk Information 2013](#)

New York City Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency: [A Stronger More Resilient New York](#)

[Build It Back](#) - New York City's Housing recovery program.

[Repair the Rockaways](#) is a crowd-source funding site for Respond and Rebuild.

[Community Resource Exchange](#) lists many nonprofit disaster relief resources for individuals, communities and small businesses.

The [NYC Home Repair Consortium](#) seeks to repair 600 homes that have non-structural damage with unmet needs.

The (华埠服务社) [Greater Chinatown Community Association](#) provides translation assistance in Mandarin and Cantonese for business owners wanting to apply for FEMA and SBA funding. Phone: 212-374-0032.

A report from the Democrats of the House Committee on Small Business Committee, [Despite Reforms, SBA's Sandy Response Lags](#), finds that SBA has approved fewer than 25 percent of applications and that New York's businesses are facing significant challenges obtaining disaster relief through the SBA.

The [NYC Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations](#) is managing the disaster relief funds.

[The New York Recovery Resource Center](#) provides links for applying for Housing and Business

Recovery Assistance through New York State.

The Recovery Accountability & Transparency Board has created FederalTransparency.gov which will post spending data for Sandy recovery. All [contracts](#) awarded since Sandy are currently posted.

New York City's [Hurricane Sandy After Action Report and Recommendations](#) to Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg details the city's evaluation of its response during and immediately after Sandy, and includes 59 recommendations for strengthening performance in future storms.

New York City's [response to Public Comments](#) on the Partial Action Plan A. See also Good Jobs New York's information page on [Action Plans for Hurricane Sandy Recovery Funds](#)

Updated statistics from FEMA on ongoing recovery efforts and costs for New York State: [Disaster assistance to New York survivors of Hurricane Sandy](#).

[Smart Response](#) collects and shares data on relief organizations coordinating donations and volunteer support for Sandy victims.

New York State health and safety inspectors from the Department of Labor will provide inspections and assessments to businesses affected by Sandy to help firms reopen as soon as possible. Call 1-888-4-NYSDOL (1-888-469-7365) or visit their [website](#) for more information.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is conducting a [Small Business Credit Survey](#)

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is posting upcoming application deadlines, recovery resources, events, and key agency contacts on their [Sandy Information Center](#) page.

FEGS Project Hope Crisis Counseling Program offers free crisis outreach services to residents of New York City and Long Island affected by Hurricane Sandy. [Project Hope](#)

National Grid customers can visit www.nationalgridus.com to get information about the National Grid Emergency Economic and Community Development program for business customers impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

We'd love to hear from you!

Check out our resources on Hurricane Sandy money at our website. Or follow us on Twitter: @GoodJobsNewYork #EyeOnSandyMoney. Please forward your suggestions on how we can make this round-up more useful to you in your work.

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