

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: November 7 - 14

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We are proud to announce 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.

Transparency Tip:

NYC Recovery is listing some [CDBG-DR funded contracts](#) and related documents on its

Action Items

Friday, November 15, 10:00 am. The New York City Council Committee on Finance [holds a public hearing](#) on a bill that would require the city to create a public database of Hurricane Sandy expenditures.

This Week's News

Disaster Relief

HUD released requirements for a second round of CDBG-DR funds that include expanding public engagement requirements and that localities must prepare a climate risk analysis. [Download the HUD Program Requirements](#) [pdf] Good Jobs New York will provide analysis on [our Eye On Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money website](#) in the coming days.

HUD [announced](#) the Rebuild by Design projects that will advance to the final stage of the competition.

At a Senate hearing, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said that localities are advised to reserve grants for low-income residents who do not qualify for loans. Many homeowners on Long Island who received federal loans are frustrated that they were denied grants. [Newsday](#)

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) and other elected officials representing storm-vulnerable areas plan to introduce legislation that would allow federal funds to pay for developing voting contingency plans in case elections are disrupted due to a natural disaster. [The New York Times](#)

New Jersey is proposing an amendment to its CDBG-DR Action Plan to move \$160 million from a small business program to housing repair or demolition. [NBC40.net](#)

An [analysis](#) by the Fair Share Housing Center and Community Development Network of New Jersey cites that 25 percent of federal funding for housing assistance programs has reached residents. The Christie Administration claims the figure is closer to 34 percent. [The Star-Ledger](#)

Red Cross workers speak out about the internal policy change at

website.

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the aid organization that resulted in hundreds of Sandy victims who had been promised aid suddenly deemed ineligible. [Al Jazeera America](#)

Knickerbocker Village, an affordable housing complex on Manhattan's Lower East Side, will receive \$1.5 million through the Build it Back program to repair damage to 12 elevators. [Downtown Express](#)

The New York Legal Assistance Group emphasizes the importance of offering legal services after a disaster on par with humanitarian aid. [The Christian Science Monitor](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a bill that allows the Hudson Park Trust to sell air rights for development along the waterfront. Opponents of the plan, including residents and environmentalists, warn that new development will put the area at risk of flooding. [New York Daily News](#) and [Chelsea Now](#)

The perceived vulnerability of the energy grid has become a cultural touchstone as utilities seek to test the adequacy of their protections. [The New York Times](#)

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced \$13 million to build an adjustable sea wall to protect the Long Beach, Long Island wastewater treatment plant. [Newsday](#)

The MTA is testing a prototype floodgate hatch that would seal up sidewalk ventilation grates during heavy rain to prevent subway flooding. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Staten Island lawmakers plan to re-introduce legislation to create a "confidential" database of disabled residents for use in emergency situations. [Staten Island Advance](#)

A new inlet in Fire Island, caused by Hurricane Sandy, is responsible for flushing out pollutants that had accumulated in the bay. However, some are concerned that the inlet exposes the bay to greater flooding in future storms. [The Atlantic](#)

A proposal for a 5-acre floating greenway on Manhattan's East Side with pedestrian paths and bike lane was announced by NYCEDC. [DNAinfo](#)

Leaders in the information technology fields who experienced productivity challenges post-Sandy discuss disaster recovery strategies for small businesses [video]. [ZDNet](#)

Housing

New Jersey landlords have until this Friday to apply for the Landlord Rental Repair program that provides eligible applicants up to \$50,000 per unit. [The Star-Ledger](#)

New York City housing advocates warn that expiring mortgage forbearances will bring the next wave of the crisis as thousands more will be at risk of foreclosure. [Gotham Gazette](#)

HUD will increase the amount of the second installment of CDBG funds to New York City for low-income housing by \$104 million. [New York Daily News](#)

Jobs

The New Jersey State Senate is advancing a bill requiring contractors hired to elevate homes after Sandy to be registered, have two years of field experience under a licensed contractor, and have safe equipment and insurance to cover the homeowner. [The Star-Ledger](#)

A timber company located in Bedford, NJ supplied the timber for many of the rebuilt boardwalks in the region. [Union Leader](#)

Events

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Upcoming application deadlines

Friday, November 15: New Jersey Rental Property Owners have until Friday to apply for the [Landlord Rental Repair Program](#). The Program provides up to \$50,000 per storm-damaged unit to assist eligible landlords repair residential rental property damaged by Sandy. To be eligible for the award, the landlord must rent the repaired unit to low and moderate income families at approved affordable rents.

\$27 million in federal National Emergency Grant (NEG) funds are available from the New York State Department of Labor via the Jobs for Cleanup Work program. For an application, information, and a list of jobs visit <http://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/neg.shtm>

Brooklyn

Friday, November 15, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Listen, Protect & Connect: Psychological First Aid for Community Resilience. NYC Office of Emergency Management 165 Cadman Plaza. [Registration required](#).

Manhattan

Friday, November 15, 10:00 am: The New York City Council Committee on Finance will [hold a public hearing](#) on Intro 1040, a bill that would create a public database to track the expenditure of Hurricane Sandy recovery funds. City Hall.

Friday, November 15, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: [Toward a Progressive Vision of New York's Public Realm](#). How will a new administration define an equitable agenda for transportation, public space, coastal protection? Please join Pratt Center for Community Development and Pratt Institute's Programs for Sustainable Planning and Development for a conversation on the future of the city's public spaces. 144 W 14th St.

Tuesday, November 19, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm: [Financing an Equitable and Resilient Future](#). This conference, sponsored by the Pratt Institute's Programs for Sustainable Development and Planning, The New York City Bar Association, and Better, Inc., will explore innovative mechanisms for financing the social, economic and infrastructure needs to address climate change. 42 W 44th

St..

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 pm: [#SANDY: Social Media and the Storm](#). A conversation about the role that cell phones and social media played in documenting Superstorm Sandy and its aftereffects. Reservations required. 1220 Fifth Avenue (at 103rd Street).

Queens

Wednesday, November 20: "Marfa Dialogues/NY: Center for Social Inclusion & The Pratt Institute Programs for Sustainable Planning & Development Community [Conversations on Environmental Justice & Rebuilding](#), Queens Museum.

New Jersey

Saturday, November 16 , 9:00 am -1:00 pm: Sandy Solutions, a day of outreach for the Sandy survivor community, presented by The Asbury Park Press. The Press Building, 3601 Highway 66, Neptune, N.J. [pre-registration](#) is required.

Advocacy Reports

[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

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 [a three-part blog series](#).

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.

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