

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: October 31 - November 7

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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:

See FEMA's [Hurricane Sandy: One Year Later](#) for an update on recovery efforts, a

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

Talking Transition, a non-partisan effort funded by a coalition of foundations, will solicit New Yorkers for public policy goals of the incoming mayoral administration including lessons from Hurricane Sandy. [The New York Times](#)

At a U.S. Senate Subcommittee hearing [One Year Later: Examining the Ongoing Recovery From Hurricane Sandy in Washington DC](#), officials urged a more speedy rebuilding effort. Only a fraction of the \$60 billion from the Sandy relief act has been distributed to affected communities. [NY1](#)

ALSO: A story about rebuilding along the coast has an excerpt on the spending from H.R. 152, the Sandy relief act. [Outside](#)

A list of recommendations for the New York City's Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio include being more inclusive of community groups in planning for and responding to disasters. [Huffington Post](#)

\$5 billion in cuts to the food stamp program will further increase the need for New York City soup kitchens, which are serving more people than ever since Sandy hit. [Crain's New York Business](#)

New York State Assemblymembers proposed a series of bills to help address problems following disasters ranging from price gouging to requiring emergency evacuation policies for nursing homes and hospitals. [Legislative Gazette](#)

\$8 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will fund research on long-term community recovery from natural disasters. [The Milford Mirror](#)

A website pairs available grants with those seeking resources. [The Jewish Press](#)

timeline of activity and status of spent relief funds.

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Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

A U.S. District Court judge ruled that New York City violated the Americans with Disabilities Act with its emergency management plan that failed to evacuate people with disabilities, provide them with accessible shelter space, and sufficiently inform them about available emergency services. [The New York Times](#)

In Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn many homeowners stopped home repairs due to lack of money; 85% of businesses were denied SBA loans, and 40% of area businesses are not expected to return. [City Limits Brooklyn Bureau](#)

The MTA will be protecting its Lower Manhattan headquarters building from future storms with flood barriers and other resiliency measures. [Inhabitat New York City](#)

Doctors in the Rockaways, Queens have had trouble rebuilding offices and clinics due to lack of financial support from the public sector. Some doctors are considering not rebuilding and 60% of healthcare centers in the Rockaways remain closed. [ABC Local](#)

Geologist Orrin Pilkey warns against redeveloping in coastal areas. [Outside](#)

New York City officials [unveiled](#) a floating Eco Dock in South Brooklyn, which is notable for its storm resilient construction and provides an access point for the community to the waterfront.

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation is launching an [online survey](#) to get community input into plans for the Rockaway Beach boardwalk, available through Nov. 11. [WNYC](#)

ALSO: A Rockaway resident writes that the slow pace of replacing its famed boardwalk is putting a damper on rebuilding efforts in the area. [City & State](#) [Opinion]

An update on the beaches the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is restoring. [U.S. Army](#)

Though not a focal point in the New York City mayoral campaign, this blog points out that climate change is one of the most serious challenges to New York City's future. [Grist](#)

All PATH train service will be suspended for weekends in November between the World Trade Center and Exchange Place in New Jersey, due to ongoing Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. [LowerManhattan.info](#)

A Rutgers University task force has not released its report on the university's dorm evacuation procedure after Sandy. [New Brunswick Today](#)

A Brighton Beach, Brooklyn synagogue destroyed by Sandy was rebuilt. [My Fox NY](#)

Housing

A temporary change to a FHA loan program will allow homeowners to apply for a loan to elevate their homes to reduce flood risk. [The New York Times](#)

New research suggests 300 U.S. cities will be at 'acute risk' to the effects of climate change by the end of the 21st century without strict reductions in carbon emission. [The Guardian](#)

Jobs

An editorial spotlights day laborers as a second line of disaster relief response and calls on Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio to provide disaster training, and ensure access to safety equipment. [The New York Times](#)

Nearly 30 percent of U.S. businesses impacted by Sandy have gone out of business. A blog by a small business insurance agent offers strategies to help businesses be more prepared for another disaster. [Huffington Post](#)

Events

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

Upcoming application deadlines

Funding opportunity: The NOAA Marine Debris Program Grants. Projects awarded through this grant competition have strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components involving the removal of marine debris, including derelict fishing gear. Projects also provide benefits to coastal communities, and create long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources. [Read the summary](#) for details.

\$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>

New York City

Friday, November 8, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: [A conversation with Daniel Zarrilli](#), Director of Resiliency at the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability. AIA Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place.

Wednesday, November 13, 5:45 p, - 8:00 pm: [Who's Going to Pay for This? Part 1](#). Representatives from the insurance and reinsurance industries, FEMA, the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning & Sustainability, and the National Institute of Building Sciences will give an overview of how property insurance works and is regulated and what averts anticipated outcomes. AIA Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place.

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.

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., New York, NY

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., New York, NY

Monday, November 11, 2013 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm: [Superstorm Research Lab: One Year On](#). The superstorm research lab, a mutual aid research collective, and the Institute for Public Knowledge present free, open workshops designed to address past, current, and future problems related to disasters and the complexities of justice on the ground. Workshops will be followed by a panel discussion, "A Tale of Two Sandys," which will cover current research on the topic.

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, Rockaways.

Advocacy Reports

NEW: [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.

NEW: [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.

NEW: [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.

NEW: [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: [Presentations](#) are available from last week's "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 series, [Resilient Cities](#), 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](#).

[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.

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