

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: June 20-27

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Transparency Tip:

A new report by the International Economic Development Council: [Federal Disaster Recovery Funding](#) (pdf)

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Mayoral Forums on Sandy Recovery

TONIGHT: Thursday, June 27, 7:00 pm: Mayoral Forum: Five Boroughs, One Recovery - City Wide Sandy Mayoral Candidate Forum, [Sandy Recovery & The Future of New York City's Flood Zone](#). 3300 Coney Island Ave. Brooklyn, New York.

This week's news

Disaster Relief

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. [NYCEDC Press Release](#)

The city budget agreed upon by Mayor Bloomberg and the New York City Council includes \$250 million for storm preparedness initiatives proposed in the mayor's plan earlier this month. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

President Obama said that FEMA will increase the reimbursement rate of public assistance grants to cover 90% of disaster relief expenses for New Jersey state agencies, municipalities and some nonprofits. [The Star-Ledger](#)

[Citizens Committee for New York City](#) is awarding grants of \$2,000 to support volunteer-led hurricane relief efforts. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until August 1.

Friends of Rockaway, a community organization, has received a \$721,000 grant from the American Red Cross for rebuilding 90 homes in Rockaway, Queens. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure

长岛电力公司账目可疑当局调查是否涉诈骗 - The Moreland Commission, which investigated LIPA following the utility's poor performance following Sandy, found the utility paid exorbitant fees to its primary consultant, Navigant Consulting, and is referring its findings to the U.S. Attorney's office for further investigation. [The New York Times](#), [Newsday](#), [WNYC](#) and [Sing Tao Daily](#)

Governor Cuomo's proposed legislation to reform the Long Island Power Authority and largely give control of the utility to New Jersey's PSEG was approved by the New York State Assembly and Senate. [Newsday](#)

ALSO: Under the new organization of LIPA, the authority will become a holding company with no operation of the daily utility functions. [Bloomberg News](#)

The federal Sandy task force is developing a single standard for rebuilding post-storm projects that anticipates the impacts and limitations of climate change. [Asbury Park Press](#)

住房部长宣布防风设计竞赛 – A design competition, Rebuild by Design, announced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, seeks regional solutions to coastal protection. [Sing Tao Daily](#) and [Crain's New York Business](#)

A recent symposium on building resilient infrastructure in New Jersey highlighted the unique vulnerabilities of the state's aging infrastructure. [New Jersey Future](#)

The New Jersey legislature passed an automatic variance bill, which would allow any structure to be raised to new FEMA base flood elevation without requiring a waiver or variance permit. [National Law Review](#)

ALSO: The Christie Administration is streamlining the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection permitting process, including expediting dredging of private lagoons and marinas. [Dredging Today](#) and [NJ Biz](#)

桑迪"灾害民调指政府救济不力 – A recent survey by the Associated Press and NORC Center for Public Affairs Research suggests that social cohesion in neighborhoods is an important factor in their quick recovery. [WNYC](#) and [Sing Tao Daily](#)

The Long Beach Medical Center in Long Island, which was badly damaged during Sandy, is the last hospital in the New York-New Jersey region that remains closed post-Sandy. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

In New York City, downtown hotels report difficulties attracting business, and a lingering perception that lower Manhattan is still rebuilding after the storm. [Crain's New York Business](#)

The developer of the mixed-use waterfront development in the Stapleton section of Staten Island's north shore expressed confidence in the project's flood preparedness. [Crain's New York Business](#)

桑迪后反思纽约港口保护 – As part of a waterfront seminarseries 'Beyond Sandy,' a recent Hidden Harbor Tour discussed harbor protection possibilities that would anticipate the effects of climate change. [Upcoming tours listed in the events

section below.] [The Epoch Times](#)

Housing

飓风疏散新地图华埠属安全区 – According to the new hurricane evacuation map for New York City, Chinatown in the Lower East Side is not within the evacuation zones, except a small portion near Broadway. The map can be found on the [WNYC website](#). [World Journal](#)

桑迪"灾区房屋无用水竟收500元帐单 – Staten Island residents whose homes were damaged by Sandy say the city is charging them hundreds of dollars for water they haven't used since the storm. [Sing Tao Daily](#) and [NBC New York](#)

Jobs

Good Temps, a branch of Goodwill Industries, held a job fair in South Queens to connect Sandy victims to temporary jobs that could be a bridge to permanent employment. The organization is focusing its efforts on areas hit hard by Sandy. [The Queens Chronicle](#)

New Jersey municipalities can participate in a federal grant program to hire unemployed workers for temporary Sandy related work. [Atlanticville](#)

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](#)

Brooklyn

The Brooklyn Public Library is compiling oral histories of Brooklyn individuals, organizations, and workers who were impacted by the storm. Interviews will be scheduled by appointment. See [website](#) for details.

Queens

Monday July 8, 7-9 pm: New York League of Conservation Voters Fund hosts the 2013 Queens Borough President Forum on Sustainability. Community Methodist Church, 81-10 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Free but [registration](#) is required.

[Asian Americans for Equality](#) offers several programs to help small businesses and emergency home repairs. Deadline for home repairs application is June 30, 2013.

New Jersey

Tuesday July 9: 6:30 pm: Hidden Harbor Newark Bay Tour with Ed Kelly, Executive Director, Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey. Part of the series "Beyond Sandy: Keeping the Conversation Alive." Tickets and information at the [Working Harbor Committee](#) website.

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

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

NEW: 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-NYS-DOL (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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