

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

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## Keeping an eye on Hurricane Sandy recovery dollars Weekly News Round-up: July 25 - August 1

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### New from GJNY

Dazed and confused about the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013? We can help. Check out Good Jobs New York's new tool to help New Yorker's understand the Federal Disaster Relief Act and New York City's plan for the first round of CDBG funds.

[At-a-Glance: Federal Disaster Relief After Hurricane Sandy](#)

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### This Week's News

#### Disaster Relief

Members of the Alliance for a Just Rebuilding rallied from the Staten Island Ferry to New York City Hall to demand that mayoral candidates focus on the needs of the communities hardest hit by the storm. [NY1](#)

Area legislators plan to propose an amendment to the Stafford Act that prevents FEMA assistance for owners of Co-op and Condos. [The New York Times](#)

ALSO 合作、共有公寓享救灾補助 有望立法 New bill would help owners of co-ops and condominiums. [The World Journal](#)

Connecticut officials present a plan to use \$30 million of an expected \$71.82 million in Community Development Block Grants. [The Milford Patch](#)

Reports from the Small Business Majority and the American Sustainable Business Council indicate that small businesses lack infrastructure and financial planning for disasters. [Environment and Energy Publishing](#)

ALSO: A [Hurricane Sandy Small Business Recovery and Matchmaking Summit](#) takes place Wednesday, August 7th

A survey by the Associated Press indicate that eight Jersey Shore towns have a decline in summer beach attendance this summer. [WABC-TV](#)

Doctors of the World signed a lease in Rockaway to open a clinic. [AM New York](#)

With the help of a \$35,000 grant from the Food Bank of New York City, the Jewish Community Council of the Rockaway's Peninsula, food pantry reopened. [The Jewish Weekly](#)

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## NEW Transparency Tip:

Reports and public notices available at [NYC Recovery](#)

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## Rebuilding Infrastructure

The MTA is the first to sell "Catastrophe Bonds". While specific projects are still to be determined, the \$200 million bond offering will help the MTA better prepare for future storms.

[The Wall Street Journal](#)

Mother Jones has [a three-part series](#) on the impact climate change will have on waterfront cities. It includes a map of how at risk your neighborhood is to sea level rise and interviews with homeowners from Virginia Middle Peninsula.

The Recovery, Adaption, Mitigation and Planning program, launched by the Pratt Institute and partners in Red Hook, Brooklyn unveiled a sustainable plan to help the neighborhood rebuild more sustainably. [WNYC](#)

Residents of Fire Island, Long Island are fighting Verizon's plan to not repair landline and internet services there. Verizon prefers to expand its "Voice Link" service. [Newsday](#)

Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D- Brooklyn) introduced the "Waterfront of Tomorrow Act" that would make industrial waterfront communities more resilient. The bill would require federal agencies to develop a strategy to make coastal areas more resilient. [Brooklyn Daily Eagle](#)

Gov. Cuomo signed a bill that reforms the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) by turning over management to PSE&G and freezing rates for three years. Some civic leaders worry about a lack of accountability. [WCBS 880](#)

ALSO 州长签署法令 重组长岛的电力营运 Gov. Cuomo signed a major reform bill that will do away with the beleaguered utility, LIPA. [Epoch Times](#)

The Bloomberg Administration [released an RFP](#) to determine the feasibility of "Seaport City". Proposed in May's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency report, one waterfront advocate calls the proposal "a clunker". [Capital](#)

Parts of Long Beach Island's boardwalk on Long Island opened this week. It is expected that FEMA will cover most of the \$44.2 million cost. [WABC-TV](#)

ALSO 颶風摧毀 百年長灘木板道重開 The City of Long Beach opened part of its rebuilt boardwalk Saturday. [The China Press](#)

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## Housing

Today is the deadline for New Jersey residents to apply for the "Homeowners Resettlement Program" which will allocate up to \$10,000 grants for residents agreeing to remain in their neighborhoods. [WNYC](#)

ALSO: 4,000 homeowners have participated in the Homeowner Resettlement Program, funded by \$180 million in Community Development Block Grants. [Toms River Patch](#)

A survey of displaced residents by Make the Road New York shows Staten Island rents have risen since Sandy. Few housing options and the costs of repairs may be among the reasons. [Staten Island Advance](#)

CDM Smith, which won a Sandy contract with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is being sued by Texas' General Land Office claiming the firm failed to fulfill its agreement to manage aspects of repairing or rebuilding houses damaged by Hurricane Ike in 2008. [Asbury Park Press](#)

Due to the complex nature of owning a mobile home but not the land, some low-income New Jersey residents are finding it hard to access the resources to fix their homes. [WHYY](#)

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## Jobs

New Jersey veterans and military personnel attended a jobs fair. Employers that hire those in attendance may receive the "VOW to Hire Heroes" tax credit, worth up to \$9,600 for eligible employees. [Newsday](#)

## Advocacy News

List your upcoming event here! Email [elizabeth@goodjobsfirst.org](mailto:elizabeth@goodjobsfirst.org)

### Regional

Wednesday, August 7, noon-6:00 [Hurricane Sandy Small Business Recovery and Matchmaking Summit](#). HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan and SBA Administrator Karen Mills key note this regional event.

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

### Manhattan

Friday, July 26, 9:00-10:30 am. [Auxiliary Power: Backup Strategies that work](#). 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. Sessions will also be available via Webex. Please [register](#).

### Queens

Saturday, August 24th, 4:00 PM - 5:30PM and 7:00- 8:30PM Rockaway Peninsula [Lose, Loss,](#)

[Lost Walking Tour](#) Participants will explore the peninsula in the aftermath of the storm through experiencing, sharing and invoking personal loss.

## New Jersey

Friday, August 2, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. MOLD TRAININGS: This program will provide mold awareness and general safety procedures to homeowners and volunteers when dealing with post-flood clean-up issues. This program is provided by the UMDNJ-School of Public Health, with funding from the New Jersey Department of Health. Lacey Community Center, 101 North Main Street, Forked River, NJ. [Registration](#) is required.

Saturday, August 3. Hurricane Sandy relief volunteers needed for food distribution to residents of Moonachie, NJ . Shifts are from 8:30 am -10:30 am, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Sign up at [Hurricane Sandy Relief New Jersey Volunteers](#)

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

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 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](#)

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](#)

## Federal, State & Local Resources

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.

The New York City Economic Development Corporation released its RFP 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](#)

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

For more resources, visit Good Jobs New York's [Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money](#)

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