

DISASTER RECOVERY BULLETIN



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Welcome to the *Disaster Recovery Bulletin*, a new electronic dispatch for recovery workers produced weekly by the Hurricane Sandy federal disaster recovery coordination team. Throughout New York, local, state and federal agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations and dedicated individuals, are working together to support recovery. We are here to help in that endeavor. The bulletin includes information, resources, news and events to serve the recovery effort. Most of the content is organized by sector, allowing readers from a wide range of perspectives to easily find the items of greatest interest. If you have questions, comments or calendar items you'd like to submit, please email us at editorNYrecovery@fema.dhs.gov. To subscribe click [here](#).

Thanks for reading, and keep up the good work!

IN THE NEWS

With applications due on August 30th, social service, health and mental health professionals have just eight more days to file a proposal for Social Services Block Grant money.

To address the needs of critical health and social service providers and the populations they serve, New York State will distribute more than \$200 million in federal Hurricane Sandy Social Services Block Grant funding. Hurricane Sandy SSBG resources are dedicated to covering necessary expenses resulting from the storm, including social, health and mental health services for individuals, and funds for repair, renovation and rebuilding of health care, mental health, child care and other social services facilities. Click [here](#) for general information and [here](#) for answers to common questions.

New outreach [flier](#): NYC's *Build it Back* program registration information in Haitian Creole

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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

[Study looks At Superstorm Sandy's impacts on coastal marshes from Maine to Virginia](#)

The Associated Press, July 31, 2013

Research is forthcoming on a habitat study funded by a \$200,000 National Science Foundation grant that will assess how animal and plant populations in coastal marshes manage change, especially in the face of an extreme disturbance like a hurricane.

[Sea Level Rise tool](#)

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Global Change Research Program have released a new sea level rise mapping service that shows the horizontal expansion of the floodplain associated with future increases in sea levels in 2050 and 2100, highlighting areas that will be at risk in the future.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

[Fuel NY initiative](#)

New York State, June 2013

Announced by Gov. Cuomo in his 2013 state of the state address, "Fuel NY" was developed to improve access to gasoline during a severe storm or other major weather event. As one step in a comprehensive initiative to protect the fuel supply chain in an emergency, "Fuel NY" will make up to \$17 million in funding available to help gas stations in certain locations improve their back-up power capacity so they can remain open during major storms. Check the [map](#) to see if your station is located in a designated strategic location.

[New York City Transit's new hurricane division takes steps down long road to recovery and resiliency](#)

Progressive Railroading magazine, July 2013

It has been more than nine months since Hurricane Sandy struck, and while transit service is nearly back to normal, it will take many more years and many billions of dollars for NY and NJ transit agencies to fully recover — and, perhaps more important, to ensure they can withstand future storms.

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ECONOMY

[Cuomo offers banks an incentive for flood help](#)

Capitol Confidential, July 31, 2013

Gov. Cuomo is offering a carrot to private banks that loan money to flood recovery efforts in the form of Community Reinvestment Act credits.

[Little is rebuilt at Queens area burned by Sandy](#)

The Associated Press, Aug. 9, 2013

It's been more than nine months since Hurricane Sandy hit and only one house is under construction in the beachfront community of Breezy Point, where a fire and flood destroyed 350 homes.

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HOUSING

[Bill for co-op/condo federal disaster grants](#)

Newsday, July 26, 2013

Co-op and condominium associations would be eligible for federal disaster grants under a proposed new law.

[Build It Back program receives thousands of applications from Sandy-affected Queens homeowners](#)

VIDEO: NY1, July 17, 2013

In just one month since its start, the "Build it Back" Program, which is funded by federal disaster relief money and is aimed at giving homeowners affected by Hurricane Sandy a grant for recovering their losses, has already received 13,000 applications, half of them from Queens residents.

[Red Cross gives grant to Friends of Rockaway for Sandy recovery](#)

American Red Cross, June 26, 2013

A \$721,550 grant from the American Red Cross to a grassroots organization known as Friends of Rockaway will help nearly 100 families get back into their homes.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

[HHS grants to bolster disaster preparedness for health care, public health](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, July 23, 2013

HHS has awarded more than \$916 million to improve preparedness and health outcomes for a wide range of public health threats within every state, eight U.S. territories and four of the nation's largest metropolitan areas. The fiscal year 2013 funding included \$332 million for the Hospital Preparedness Program cooperative agreement and more than \$584 million awarded for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement.

[A Hurricane Sandy bed bath](#)

Off the Charts, the blog of the *American Journal of Nursing*, July 24, 2013

Volunteer nurse Amanda Anderson recalls how a simple task can take on new meaning in a disaster. "Being a nurse is about the bed bath stuff," she writes of her experience in a shelter after Hurricane Sandy, "seeing past pride and intellectualism, finding the true, unspoken needs of our patients as humans."

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

[Disaster recovery expert helps prepare New Yorkers for hurricane season](#)

Claims Journal, Aug. 5, 2013

Illya Azaroff, an associate professor of architectural technology, is co-chair of the NY chapter of the American Institute of Architects' Design for Risk and Reconstruction Committee. He's determined to make sure the city is better prepared for the next disaster.

[New York State community reconstruction planning timeline](#)

New York State

The NY Rising Community Reconstruction program has released a timeline with milestones for use by planning committees.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Hurricane Sandy grants information](#)

New York State

The *New York Disaster Long Term Recovery Hurricane Sandy Grants Information* guide offers many possibilities for groups seeking additional funds.

[Keeping an eye on Hurricane Sandy recovery money](#)

Good Jobs New York, July 23, 2013

As government aid begins to flow into areas devastated by Sandy, Good Jobs New York will provide analysis and recommendations regarding these resources to promote a transparent and equitable allocation of funds.

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CALENDAR

Grant deadline: Aug. 30

[Social Services Block Grant](#) from New York State

- Social, health and mental health services/costs resulting from Hurricane Sandy
- Repair, renovation and rebuilding of health care, mental health, child care and other social services facilities

Application deadline: Sept. 2

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will purchase a permanent easement on lands within floodplains that sustained damage from Sandy. Easement compensation rates and ranking priorities vary by location and depend on where the land is located within the floodplain and current land use.

[See Website for restrictions and details.](#)

Webinar: Sept. 19

Free disaster preparedness and economic recovery webinar from International Economic Development Council:

[Effective Communication Methods Before and After a Disaster](#)

Event: Sept. 21 - 25

Bike for climate change awareness: [Climate Ride NY-DC](#)

Climate Riders meet with leaders in sustainability, renewable energy and environmental causes while providing much-needed financial support and helping raise awareness about climate change.

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