

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:
New Jersey Transit Corporation
Name of Expenditure or Program:
Meadowlands Maintenance Complex (MMC), Rail Operation Center (ROC) Resiliency
Amount:
\$150 Million

Overview:
Resiliency Improvements to MMC and ROC, South Kearny (Hudson County) includes MMC Emergency Interface using Diesel Locomotives, rail spare parts storage solutions, ROC hardening and MMC flood control. Although yard is anticipated to be evacuated when severe weather conditions require, it is however advantageous to harden facilities (buildings and contents) in order to weather future severe storms in place. Potential resiliency projects include, but are not limited to flood walls, berms, spare parts solutions, improvements to the ROC or alternative as to potential of relocating the facility where warranted.
Federal Department of Origin:
United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Federal Requirements / Restrictions:
Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 enacted on January 29, 2013 sets forth various requirements and restrictions. Furthermore, FTA is to promulgate regulations in the future regarding grants made under this Act. EO 125 sets forth certain State requirements and restrictions. Grants will contain requirements and restrictions. Also subject to "Notice Of Funding Availability" (NOFA). Future grants will have varying requirements and restrictions. It is anticipated that the grant requirements and restrictions will be similar to ARRA grants previously received.
Selection Standards:
Development of long term resiliency improvements to the NJ TRANSIT System, in particular, as to those areas that have been identified as having been impacted during Hurricane Sandy in order to reduce the risk of damage from future severe weather or natural disasters. MPO must select projects after Committee Review based on MPO Standards.
Eligibility Standards:
Program needs to be approved by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Metropolitan Planning Organization required by FTA. An application is required to be made by NJ TRANSIT. Grant approval is determined under the "Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program" administered by FTA as authorized under Section 5324 of Title 49 of the United States Code, Special Provisions for Capital Projects. A Grant must be issued by FTA before funds are received by NJ TRANSIT to fund this program.
Other Notes:
MMC is NJ TRANSIT's primary maintenance facility and adjacent ROC controls NJ TRANSIT's entire network save for NEC which is controlled by Amtrak.
Minutes of Approval by North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Metropolitan Planning Organization, of this Program on March 11, 2013, has been forwarded to the Office of the Governor for approval.