Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:

NJ Department of Children and Families

Name of Expenditure Program:

Alternative Housing Assistance-Family Violence Prevention and Services Act-Emergency Hurricane Sandy Relief

Amount:

\$775,000

Overview:

Alternative Housing Assistance - Currently all domestic violence programs are open and operating throughout the state. The length of stay for each family, the lack of available housing and the compounded trauma of a natural disaster has impacted service delivery throughout the state. Domestic Violence Lead Agencies currently will buy additional space at a hotel through the SSBG emergency plan submitted to the Federal Government. The FVPSA funding associated with this application will provide alternate housing assistance for victims and children.

Examples are:

- Victims who may have to return to living arrangements where there was abuse previously,
- A family that has share housing and are newly exposed to abuse through this change in living arrangements,
- A situation that may aggravate strained child custody issues,
- A victim dependent on an abusive partner due to a 'head of household designation' for relief funds,
- A victim family that may need assistance due to the lack of available housing (due to storm damage and destruction) or due to the increase need of other families looking for available alternate housing.

Federal Department of Origin:

Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services

Federal Requirements / Restrictions:

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Assurances of Compliance with Grant Requirements

A. FVPSA Requirements

The Sub-Grantee will apply the following requirements from the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) to the funds awarded under this project:

- 1. Grant funds made available under this program by the State will not be used as direct payment to any victim of family violence, domestic violence, or to any dependent of such victim (FVPSA Section 10408(d)(1)).
- 2. No income eligibility standard will be imposed on individuals with respect to eligibility for assistance or services supported with funds (FVPSA Section 10406(c)(3)).
- 3. No fees will be levied for assistance or services provided with funds (FVPSA Section 10406(c)(3)).
- 4. The address or location of any shelter or facility assisted under these funds that otherwise maintains a confidential location will, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter, not be made public (FVPSA Section 10406(c)(5)(H)).
- 5. The applicant has established policies, procedures, and protocols to ensure compliance with the provisions of FVPSA Section 10406(c)(5) regarding non-disclosure of confidential or private information (FVPSA Section 10407(a)(2)(A)).
- 6. Pursuant to FVPSA Section 10406(c)(5), the applicant will comply with requirements to ensure the non-disclosure of confidential or private information, which include, but are not limited to: (1) grantees will not disclose any personally identifying information collected in connection with services requested (including services utilized or denied), through grantee's funded activities or reveal personally identifying information without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent by the person about whom information is sought, whether for the FVPSA-funded activities or any other Federal or State program and in accordance with FVPSA Section 10406(c)(5)(B)(ii); (2) grantees will not release information compelled by statutory or court order unless adhering to the requirements of FVPSA Section 10406(c)(5)(C); (3) grantees may share non-personally identifying information in the aggregate for the purposes enunciated in FVPSA Section 10406(c)(5)(D)(ii) as well as for other purposes found in FVPSA Section 10406(c)(5)(D)(iii) and (iiii).
- 7. Grants funded by the State in whole or in part with funds made available under this program will prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, disability, sex, race, color, national origin, or religion (FVPSA Section 10406(c)(2)).
- 8. Funds made available under the FVPSA will be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide services and activities that promote the objectives of this program (FVPSA Section 10406(c)(6)).
- 9. Receipt of supportive services under this program will be voluntary. No condition will be applied for the receipt of emergency shelter as described in FVPSA Section 10408(d)(2)). Also

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subject to Integrity Oversight Monitoring via Assembly Bill A60 (A-60)(P.L.2013,c.37).
Additional State regulations related to Governor Christie's Executive Order 125, as well as all
applicable federal and state regulations for Procurement and Grants Management
Selection Standards:
Eligibility Standards:
Sandy victims must sign an attestation to receive services.
Other Notes: