

# Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

<b>State Department:</b>
New Jersey Department of Health Environmental Epidemiology & Occupational Health
<b>Name of Expenditure or Program:</b>
<b>Information and Referral</b> —Syndromic Surveillance Enhancement
<b>Amount:</b>
\$665,000

## Overview:

Before, during, and after Superstorm Sandy, the New Jersey Department of Health enhanced surveillance for storm-related syndromes using emergency department (ED) data in EpiCenter, an online system used for ongoing surveillance. EpiCenter collects the chief complaints of patients presenting for care and services at New Jersey emergency departments. While this system showed utility, it did not include other data elements that would more fully show the burden of storm-related health needs in New Jersey. Currently EpiCenter includes 70 of New Jersey's 81 emergency departments. Another 6 facilities are expected to be fully connected in the coming weeks. For future events, NJDOH needs to broaden the syndromic surveillance system in place to include more than just ED chief complaints.

## Federal Department of Origin:

Department of Health and Human Services

## Federal Requirements / Restrictions:

Funds to be totally expended by September 30, 2015.  
Also 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:

Services will be provided through a waiver request to expand current capabilities within the EpiCenter online surveillance system via approved, sole source vendor.

## Eligibility Standards:

Existing vendors will be utilized to expand capabilities of the EpiCenter online surveillance system.

## Other Notes:

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