

State Department:

NJ TRANSIT

Name of Expenditure or Program:

Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program (Section 5324) for locally prioritized resiliency projects associated with Superstorm Sandy (Tier 2).

Amount:

\$106,199,045

Overview:

NJ TRANSIT is utilizing Tier 2 funding to improve the resiliency of its assets to mitigate damage and service disruptions from future storms. Projects that have been identified for funding from this program include the replacement of wooden catenary poles along the Gladstone Line, the relocation of the Uninterruptable Power Supply at the Rail Operations Center, the relocation of the power supply system to the signals at Hoboken Yard and Terminal, relocating signal components to Hoboken's Terminal Tower, flood protecting buildings at the Meadows Maintenance Complex, constructing an Emergency Operations Center, and purchasing diesel fuel trucks.

Federal Department of Origin:

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Federal Requirements / Restrictions:

Projects must meet the requirements described in the FTA's Second Allocation of Public Transportation Emergency Relief Funds in Response to Hurricane Sandy: Response, Recovery and Resilience "Notice of Availability of Emergency Relief Funds in Response to Hurricane Sandy" as published in the Federal Register on May 29, 2013. Resiliency projects funded under this program must reduce the risk of serious damage from future disasters. In its Interim Rule, published in the March 29, 2013 Federal Register, FTA defines a resiliency project as one "designed and built to address future vulnerabilities to a public transportation facility or system due to future recurrence of emergencies or major disasters that are likely to occur again in the geographic area in which the public transportation system is located, or projected changes in development patterns, demographics, or extreme weather or other climate patterns." FTA will fund up to 90% of eligible projects costs.

Selection Standards:

Resiliency projects selected for funding under this program may be built in tandem with recovery and rebuilding projects (Tier 1) where joint implementation is cost-effective. The Tier 2 funding is also being used for stand-alone resiliency projects.

Other Notes: