

Department of Community Affairs

Division of Fire Safety

Office of the Director



TO: Fire Departments
FROM: William Kramer, Jr. Acting Director/State Fire Marshal
DATE: November 21, 2012
SUBJECT: FEMA Public Assistance for Fire Departments and Individuals

Immediately after Super Storm Sandy the Division of Fire Safety requested and received assistance from a Type 1 Incident Management Team from FEMA. The team assigned was the Southern Area Incident Management Team, commonly known as the “Red Team”.

One of the assignments given to the Team was to identify assistance programs that are available to fire departments and individuals. Attached to this memorandum is a comprehensive list of these programs. This list is also posted on the Division’s Website at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs.

Affected fire departments should be meeting with their local and county emergency management coordinators to ensure that they are receiving information on what documentation is needed as well as the timeframes for submission.

In addition, last week I had the honor of welcoming the United State Fire Administrator, Ernie Mitchel and Dr. Denis Onieal, the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy to New Jersey. They were here to meet the staff of the Type 1 Incident Management Team that was assigned to New Jersey as well as the staff of the Division of Fire Safety that was working the Hurricane effort.

Both Administrator Mitchel and Superintendent Onieal were then provided a tour by the Division to a number of areas that were hard hit by the storm and met many local fire service personnel in those areas. Both of these seasoned fire service professionals were visibly moved by what they saw and what they heard from the local fire service.

Recently, the United States Fire Administration issued the attached Press Release that encourages all fire departments that received damage to facilities, apparatus or equipment to start the application process as soon as possible. That document is also attached.

Lastly, I would like to remind departments whose member's homes or businesses received damage of the Division of Fire Safety's "Firefighter to Firefighter Assistance Program." Please encourage those in need to go to the website and complete the one page form. We have a significant number of firefighters and fire departments who have signed up to help.



Individual Assistance

Grant	Comments	Contact
<p style="text-align: center;">New Jersey Disaster Assistance</p>	<p>Portal for state and federal grant assistance to individuals and public entities, including fire and EMS agencies.</p>	<p>http://www.nj211.org/hurricanefema.cfm#PublicAssistance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)</p>	<p>Financial assistance to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster declared by the President of the United States and who are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits.</p>	<p>http://www.dol.gov/opa/hurricane-recovery.htm 1-866-4-USA-DOL (1-866-487-2365)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FEMA Individual Assistance</p>	<p>Portal for federal grant assistance to individuals.</p>	<p>www.disasterassistance.gov</p> <p>1-800-621-3362; TTY users can call 1-800-462-7585 You will also need the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Digit Zip Code • Current Contact Telephone Number • Social Security Number • Current Mailing Address and Address of Damaged Property • Date the Damage Occurred • Directions to the Property • Brief Description of Damaged Property • Insurance Information and Policy Number(s) • Family Gross Income

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FEMA Other Needs Assistance	Provides financial assistance to individuals and households who have no applicable insurance and may have been denied by the U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance program.	To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 800-621-FEMA (3362).
Firefighter Charitable Assistance	Provides financial assistance to individuals who have been affected by a fire or disaster, to support other disaster or prevention related charities and institutions, and volunteer fire departments	http://www.ffcf.org/
National Volunteer Fire Council Support Fund	Volunteer first responders whose homes have been impacted by a state- or federally-declared disaster. The Fund provides a \$250 stipend to help these individuals meet basic needs in the aftermath of a disaster.	http://www.nvfc.org/about-us/support-the-nvfc/volunteer-firefighter-support-fund/#apply
National Emergency Grants (NEGs)	Funds that can be used to temporarily employ dislocated workers. These funds can be used to employ workers on projects that provide food, clothing, shelter and other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims.	http://www.dol.gov/opa/hurricane-recovery.htm 1-866-4-USA-DOL (1-866-487-2365)
Unemployment Assistance Grants	Thirty-day filing deadline ends December 3	www.njuifile.net Claims registered online are processed faster. However, if needed, people may also file a claim by telephone by contacting the state Department of Labor's Re-employment Call Centers at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Jersey (201) 601-4100 • Central Jersey (732) 761-2020 • South Jersey (856) 507-2340
Unemployment Insurance (UI)	Benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own.	http://www.dol.gov/opa/hurricane-recovery.htm 1-866-4-USA-DOL (1-866-487-2365)

Fire Department Assistance

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New Jersey Disaster Assistance	Portal for state and federal grant assistance to individuals and public entities, including fire and EMS agencies.	http://www.nj211.org/hurricane/fema.cfm#PublicAssistance
New Jersey's Business Action Center (BAC)	The business recovery assistance services are designed to support businesses and workers who may be temporarily unable to perform their jobs due to the storm.	www.njgov/njbusiness 1-866-534-7789
Alliant Energy Hometown Challenge	If your community is a customer of Alliant Energy, your safety fundraiser dollars are eligible for a match from the Alliant Energy Foundation.	https://www.alliantenergy.com/CommunityInvolvement/CharitableFoundation/Programs/029791
Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program	Meets firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.	http://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grant-program-info
Do Something and the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation	Projects focused on disaster preparedness, emergency response, rebuilding after a disaster and supporting our troops. \$500 grants	http://www.dosomething.org/grants/disaster
EMS1.com	Comprehensive database of grants, news, information and resources to help emsfighters identify and secure available grant funding. In this section, emergency medical professionals can browse through a database of grants, read the latest grant-related news and announcements, browse a list of external grants resources, and discuss available grants or share tips on what has worked for you in securing funding.	http://www.ems1.com/grants/
FEMA Public Assistance	Portal for federal grant assistance to individuals and public entities, including fire and EMS agencies.	www.disasterassistance.gov 1-800-621-3362; TTY users can call 1-800-462-7585
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<p>Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation</p>	<p>Provide emergency service agencies with equipment if your fire department or Fire Corps program is located in a community served by a Firehouse Subs restaurant. .</p>	<p>http://firehousesubs.com/Foundation-Overview.aspx</p> <p>Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation 3400 Kori Road Jacksonville, FL 32257</p> <p>Foundation@FirehouseSubs.com</p>
<p>Fireman's Fund Insurance</p>	<p>Firefighting equipment, training, critical programs. Fireman's Fund employees nominate receiving entities. Grants are reviewed quarterly.</p>	<p>http://www.firemansfund.com/heritage/firefighter-needs/Pages/firefighter-needs.aspx</p>
<p>Fraternal Order of Eagles Foundation</p>	<p>The Fraternal Order of Eagles Foundation provides grant funding to fire departments across the country based upon need. Grants of \$1,000 for CPR equipment. To apply, begin by sending a letter describing your project.</p>	<p>Fraternal Order of Eagles Foundation 1623 Gateway Cir. S. Grove City, OH 43123-9309 (614) 883-2200</p>
<p>Georgia Pacific Bucket Brigade</p>	<p>Money has been used for items such as turn-out gear, vehicle repairs, water pumps and more.</p>	<p>http://www.gp.com/aboutus/bucketbrigade/grant.html</p>
<p>Federal Excess Personal Property</p>	<p>Forest Service-owned property that is on loan to State Foresters for the purpose of wildland and rural firefighting. Most of the property originally belonged to the Department of Defense. Once acquired by the Forest Service, it is loaned to State Cooperators for firefighting purposes.</p>	<p>http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/partners/fepp/index.html</p>

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FM Global Fire Prevention Grants	Fire Prevention Grant Program, fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations can apply for funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts.	http://www.fmglobal.com/page.aspx?id=01060200
Grants.gov	Grants.gov is your source to find and apply for federal grants.	www.grants.gov
Jeremiah Lucey Fund	Provides financial support for the training and equipment needs of uniformed firefighters in board-designated geographic areas. (currently NY and MA)	http://www.learyfirefighters.org/programs-grants/overview/
The Hormel Foundation	The Hormel Foundation provides grant funding to fire departments ranging from \$20,000 to over \$200,000, as of 2009. Awards have been for various equipment needs of fire departments. To apply, send a letter fully describing the project.	The Hormel Foundation 301 N. Main St. Austin, MN 55912-3498 (507) 437-9800
MetLife Foundation	Revitalize urban neighborhoods through affordable housing, financial literacy and programs that address basic needs of the economically disadvantaged.	https://www.metlife.com/about/corporate-profile/citizenship/metlife-foundation/index.html
Monsanto Fund	The Monsanto Fund provides funding to fire departments across the country. The application process consists of sending a proposal fully describing the project. Grant awards in 2009 ranged from \$20,000 to \$300,000.	Monsanto Fund 800 N. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63167-7843 (314) 694-4391
National Fire Fighters Endowment Equipment Grant	Grants of \$5,000-\$6,000 for firefighting and rescue equipment. Award amount may be increased. Complete a video summary of your organization's needs and post on Youtube.	http://www.thethinredline.org/ Videos can be uploaded to Youtube, and the link mailed to shane@thethinredline.org

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Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation	The Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation awards grants for fire departments across the country. To apply, send a letter describing the project. Grant awards to fire departments in 2009 ranged from \$10,000 to \$100,000. This foundation does not have a Web site. All inquiries must be mailed.	Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation P.O. Box 1620 Tulsa, OK 74101-1620 (903) 813-5105
OMNOVA Solutions Foundation	The OMNOVA Solutions Foundation awards grant funding to fire departments based upon their need for expansion or equipment. To apply, you must send a full proposal describing the program and the associated costs. Grants in 2009 ranged from \$5,000 to \$100,000	OMNOVA Solutions Foundation Inc. 175 Ghent Rd. Fairlawn, OH 44333-3300 (330) 869-4289
State Farm Insurance Good Neighbor Citizenship Grants	501(c)(4) volunteer fire companies are eligible. The 2013 Company grant application cycle closed at 3:00 pm (Eastern time) on June 6, 2012.	http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/company/company.asp
U.S., Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration	Helps communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic redevelopment strategies through a variety of construction and non construction projects	http://www.eda.gov/
U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Facility Grants	Assist in the development of essential community facilities: construction, enlargement or improvement. May include purchase of equipment required for facility operation. For rural towns and areas up to 20,000 population.	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-CF_Grants.html
US Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Block Grants	HUD provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations.	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs/drsi
Walmart	Grants from \$250 to about \$5,000 to fulfill a stated need. Deadline for application December 1, 2012.	http://foundation.walmart.com/

Loans	Comments	Contact
<p align="center">Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans</p>	<p>SBA provides low interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace real estate, personal property, machinery & equipment, inventory and business assets that have been damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster.</p>	<p>Secure Website: https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/</p> <p>To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 800-621-FEMA (3362). Answers to questions about the loan application process can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.</p>
<p align="center">SBA Business Recovery Center</p>	<p>Provide one-on-one assistance to business owners seeking disaster assistance for losses caused by Hurricane Sandy.</p>	<p>Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce West Bay Avenue Manahawkin, NJ. 08050</p>
<p align="center">Microloan Program for Small Businesses</p>	<p>UCEDC, a Community Development Financial Institution and US Small Business Administration (SBA) microlender, provides access to capital to underserved populations and communities. While available to all small business owners in New Jersey, their microloan program especially supports borrowers with little to no credit history, low-income borrowers, and women and minority entrepreneurs.</p>	<p>http://www.ucedc.com/content/loan-products</p> <p>call UCEDC at 908-527-1166</p>
<p align="center">New Jersey Volunteer Emergency Service Organization Loan Program (VESO)</p>	<p>Revolving low-interest loan fund to assist emergency service organizations with the purchase of important equipment or the construction of needed facilities. Administered through NJ Department of Community Affairs Office of the Fire Marshal. Currently contains about \$1 million.</p>	<p align="center">Information at: www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/veso.pdf . Apply at: https://njdcasage.state.nj.us/Portal.asp</p>

Other	Comments	Contact
Andersen Corporate Foundation	Funding is allocated to qualified nonprofit organizations that provide community, social and support services to better people's lives and strengthen communities, focusing primarily where Andersen employees live and work.	https://www.srinc.biz/foundations/andersen-corporate-foundation/
Funding Alternatives for Emergency Medical and Fire Services	Book explains financing alternatives for all types of fire and EMS departments: rural and urban, volunteer and career, agencies providing multiple services, and those providing only fire protection or only emergency medical service. Examples are given of departments using the various methodologies. The manual includes funding of local services by local government, state government, federal government and the private sector.	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa_331.pdf
Guide to Federal Programs	List of all federal programs available to state and local governments.	https://www.cfda.gov/
Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation	Grants are awarded for general support, program support and capital/special projects.	1700 Broadway, Suite 1100 Denver, CO 80290-1718 303-861-4127 800-232-9931 Fax: 303-861-0607 E-mail: info@www.johnsonfoundation.org
Target Foundation Public Safety Grants	Provides funding, supplies and equipment, and training for officials in disciplines like law enforcement, emergency management and public health.	https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/
Fedex Corporate Citizenship	Funds toward the quick and efficient transport of aid, and disaster preparedness education initiatives.	http://about.van.fedex.com/charitable-contribution-guidelines
Bank of American Neighborhood Excellence Program	Community development and neighborhood revitalization. The initiative awards grants of up to \$200,000 for leadership training and general operating support for nonprofit organizations.	http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/find-grants-sponsorships.html
Points of Light	Any individual, organization, group, family, business, or labor union actively engaged in voluntary service benefiting the community or nation	http://www.pointsoflight.org/

Other	Comments	Contact
<p>Walgreens' Grants</p>	<p>Organizations seeking funding should have a specific focus on improving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to health and wellness in their community • Pharmacy education programs and mentoring initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic and Community outreach • Emergency and Disaster Relief 	<p>http://www.walgreens.com/marketing/about/community/guidelines.jsp</p>



November 20, 2012

Public Assistance Grants for Fire Departments Impacted by Hurricane Sandy

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) would like to encourage the fire departments and fire service leadership in the areas affected by Hurricane Sandy to be aware that there may be additional financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist with the recovery efforts of all fire departments.

The Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program has been approved for most areas impacted by the storm. The focus of FEMA's PA Grant Program is to assist with the recovery efforts involving critical infrastructures. Fire station damage, lost equipment and vehicles may be covered by this FEMA program. The USFA encourages all fire service leaders in the impacted areas of Hurricane Sandy to ensure your department damages and losses are brought to the attention of county and state emergency management officials. By notifying county and state emergency management officials, the PA Grant Program eligibility review is started.

During a recent trip by U.S. Fire Administrator Ernest Mitchell to the impacted areas of Hurricane Sandy, the Administrator was struck by the significant damage done to fire departments, their equipment and stations. The Administrator wants to ensure all fire department leaders are aware of FEMA's PA Grant Program and are in contact with local and state emergency management officials to begin a review of department needs.

For more information regarding the PA Grant Program, visit <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>

