

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. CAF 8918-14

AGENCY DOCKET NO. LLRP3125C

AGNES GALLOPO,

Petitioner,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, SANDY RECOVERY DIVISION,

Respondent.

Having reviewed the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in this matter, together with any exceptions or replies submitted, I hereby reject the Initial Decision as the Commissioner's Final Decision. The original decision of the Sandy Recovery Division to deny eligibility to the Petitioner is hereby upheld.

My findings of fact are as follows: The petitioner in this matter did not apply for the Superstorm Sandy Landlord Rental Repair Program (Program) during the relevant program application time period. The Department of Community Affairs, Sandy Recovery Division simply cannot be expected to allow all New Jersey residents who missed a program application deadline into the various recovery programs at a later date, especially when the failure to timely apply is precipitated by a failure to gain access to program information and requirements prior to a filing deadline. I respectfully disagree with Judge Scarola's assertion that the doctrine of substantial compliance should here apply, and for that reason I must reject the Initial Decision. Therefore, this applicant cannot be found eligible for the Sandy Recovery Resettlement Program.

Date: 1/2/15



RICHARD E. CONSTABLE, III
Commissioner