



Christie Administration Announces New Recovery Grant Funding for Super Storm Sandy-Impacted School Districts

Districts in the 61 Municipalities that Sustained the Most Damage Per the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Are Eligible to Apply

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Trenton, NJ - The New Jersey Department of Education today released an application for grants to assist school communities as they recover from the effects of Super Storm Sandy. These funds, made possible through a \$1.25 million grant award from the US Department of Education's Project School Emergency Response to Violence (SERV) program, are available to districts to fund short- and long-term education services designed to restore safe learning environments for their students.

"Providing resources and support to our schools and communities as they continue to deal with the effects of Super Storm Sandy is of the utmost importance," said State Education Commissioner Cerf. "I am extremely grateful to Secretary Duncan and the US Department of Education for their commitment to support the recovery of school communities in New Jersey."

School districts or charter schools may request reimbursement of expenditures in support of activities intended to restore a sense of safety and security, activities intended to assist students in understanding the impact of the hurricane and stabilizing their lives, and activities that assist school districts and charter schools in managing the practical problems created by Hurricane Sandy.

Examples of eligible types of services or activities districts may apply for include:

- Targeted mental health assessments, referrals and services related to Hurricane Sandy with the goal of restoring victims/survivors to their pre-incident levels of functioning;
- Overtime for teachers, counselors, and law enforcement and security officers and other staff;
- Substitute teachers and other staff as necessary;
- Emergency transportation;
- Technical assistance on developing an appropriate response to crisis;
- Transportation and other costs to operate school at an alternative site, e.g. leasing of space to substitute for damaged building;
- Temporary security measures such as non-permanent metal detectors and additional security guards and security cameras.

The grant application can be found here:

http://www.state.nj.us/education/sandy/projserv/PROJSERV_APPLICATION.pdf

http://www.state.nj.us/education/sandy/projserv/PROJSERV_FUNDING_REQUEST.XLSX

Applications are due by Thursday, March 21, 2013 with an anticipated distribution of funds in April.

Supporting recovery efforts remains a priority for all state agencies, and the Department of Health and Department of Children and Families have been mobilizing resources, expertise and capabilities, to help the affected communities and their residents.

School districts most heavily impacted by Sandy are encouraged to periodically conduct assessments of their students in order to monitor their physical and mental health. For example, allergic reactions, certain skin infections, respiratory problems, and asthma attacks can be triggered by mold exposure and other contaminants. Additionally, psychosocial recovery programs for children in schools can help children cope with traumatic stress, anxiety, and fear and avoid more serious mental health challenges in the future.

For more information on the programs and resources offered by the Department of Health or the Department of Children and Families, districts can visit their websites at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/> and <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/home/hurricane.html>.

The list of districts eligible to apply for funds is as follows:

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County	District Name
Atlantic	Atlantic City Public Schools
Atlantic	Brigantine Public Schools
Atlantic	Margate City School District
Atlantic	Pleasantville Public School District
Atlantic	Ventnor City School District
Bergen	Little Ferry Public Schools
Bergen	Moonachie
Cape May	Cape May City Board of Education
Cape May	Ocean City School District
Cape May	Sea Isle City Board of Education
Cape May	Stone Harbor Elementary School
Cape May	Upper Township
Cape May	Wildwood Crest Borough
Cumberland	Downe Township School District
Essex	Newark Public Schools
Essex	Millburn Township Schools
Hudson	Bayonne Board of Education
Hudson	Hoboken Public Schools
Hudson	Jersey City Public Schools
Middlesex	Carteret Public Schools
Middlesex	Sayreville Public Schools
Middlesex	South River Public Schools
Monmouth	Asbury Park School District
Monmouth	Belmar Board of Education
Monmouth	Eatontown Public Schools
Monmouth	Freehold Township School District
Monmouth	Highlands Elementary
Monmouth	Holmdel Township School District
Monmouth	Howell Township Public Schools
Monmouth	Keansburg School District
Monmouth	Little Silver Boro School District
Monmouth	Long Branch Public Schools
Monmouth	Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools
Monmouth	Manasquan School District
Monmouth	Marlboro Township Board of Education
Monmouth	Middletown Township Public Schools
Monmouth	Monmouth Beach Elementary School
Monmouth	Neptune Township School District
Monmouth	Oceanport School District
Monmouth	Rumson Borough
Monmouth	Union Beach Public School District
Monmouth	Wall Township Public Schools
Ocean	Bay Head Borough
Ocean	Beach Haven School District
Ocean	Berkeley Township

Ocean	Brick Township Public Schools
Ocean	Lacey Township School District
Ocean	Lavallette Borough Board of Education
Ocean	Little Egg Harbor Township School District
Ocean	Long Beach Island Consolidated School District
Ocean	Ocean Gate School District
Ocean	Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education
Ocean	Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education
Ocean	Seaside Heights School District
Ocean	Stafford Township School District
Ocean	Toms River Regional School District
Ocean	Tuckerton Borough School District