

Recreate NY Smart Home Program



Thousands of homeowners across the state have been directly impacted by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee. The devastation wrought by these storms was unlike anything New York has seen in recent history. While FEMA, the State of New York and other disaster relief agencies stepped in immediately following the storm to provide public and private recovery assistance to homeowners in need of help, the State worked to secure Congressional approval of additional federal aid to meet the substantial need.

The State of New York and its Recreate NY Smart Home Program partners in local governments are now accepting registrations for housing assistance for residents located in disaster-declared counties. These registrations will be used to determine potential program eligibility for each registrant. This includes counties affected by Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee.

If your residential property was affected by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee, you may be eligible for assistance to address your remaining unmet housing recovery need(s) in a variety of categories, including home repair/rehabilitation, mitigation/elevation and/or buyouts. Assistance may also be available to owners of rental properties in the impacted region. Receipt of funding under this program*may not duplicate disaster-related assistance you have already received or may be eligible for from other federal, state, local and/or private sources of disaster-related assistance, including, but not limited to, homeowners and/or flood insurance proceeds.

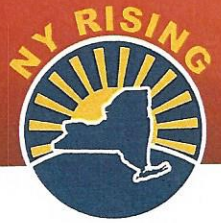
The registration process will help expedite delivery of federal assistance, pending federal approval of the State's plan. The following fact sheet contains details about the expected eligibility requirements for participation in the program and the items likely to be covered by this assistance. These requirements and program parameters are subject to federal approval and may change. Funding for this program will not be distributed by the federal government and made available to the State and its partners until federal agencies have approved the program discussed in this document.

Registrants may be required to furnish a variety of documents to evidence eligibility of need and participation in the proposed program; information about these documents is located at the end of this fact sheet.

After reviewing the following information, if you are interested in completing a registration to determine your eligibility for assistance, please use the following resources:

Visit <http://www.NYSandyHelp.ny.gov> OR Call 855-NYS-Sandy

State of New York Recreate NY Smart Home Program Program Eligibility Requirements



You may be eligible for repair and/or mitigation/elevation assistance if

- You live in one of the the counties designated as disaster areas as a result of Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee.
- Your residential property was damaged as a **direct result** of one of these storms.
- Your residential property size is from one (1) to seven (7) units, whether owner occupied or income-generating.
- **Repair/Rehabilitation:** You have documented unmet rehabilitation or repair needs **after** accounting for **all** federal, state, local and/or private sources of disaster-related assistance, including, but not limited to, homeowners, and/or flood insurance proceeds.
- **Mitigation/Elevation:** Your property sustained damage greater than 50% of its pre-storm fair market value; **OR** your property is located within the 100-year flood plain **AND** was damaged as a direct result of Sandy; you may be eligible for **mitigation/elevation** of your property that would prevent a likely recurrence of damage in a future disaster(s).

What types of property might this program cover?

The following property types may be eligible for assistance under the Recreate NY Smart Home Program. Eligible registrants may qualify for assistance for one or more properties, as determined in consultation with an assigned case manager.

- Single family residences
- Condominiums
- Co-ops
- Rental Properties ranging in size from 1-7 units, including owner-occupied rental properties, as well as non-owner-occupied properties that may be attached, semi-attached, detached/scattered site, which in the aggregate do not exceed a total of seven (7) units.

NOTE: Mitigation Grant assistance may be available to multi-family affordable housing property with eight (8) or more units. See *Multifamily Housing Mitigation Grant Fact Sheet*.

NOTE: Assistance to tenants/renters for the replacement of personal property lost or damaged in the storm is not eligible under this program.

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What may be covered?

Registrants who are deemed eligible for participation in the Recreate NY Smart Home Program will work with an assigned case manager to determine the best and most cost-effective assistance package for your property, including one or more of the following items:

- Repair/replacement of damage to your real property, sustained as a direct result of one of these storms, including, but not limited to:
 - Roof repair/replacement
 - Window/door repair/replacement
 - Siding repair/replacement
 - Flooring repair/replacement
 - Drywall/finishing to pre-event condition
 - Insulation
 - Bathroom repair/rehabilitation
 - Foundation repairs
 - Kitchen cabinet replacement
 - Well/septic replacement or connection to municipal system
 - Electrical system repair/replacement from the weatherhead
- Replacement of disaster-impacted non-luxury residential appliances, including, but not limited to:
 - Stoves
 - Refrigerators
 - Hot water heaters
 - Heating Systems
 - Fuel tanks (oil/propane but not actual fuel replacement)
 - Water filtration systems
- For all repairs or replacements, energy efficient and green building measures will be encouraged.
- Environmental Health Hazard Mitigation costs related to the repair or rehabilitation of disaster-impacted property (e.g., lead based paint abatement, asbestos removal, mold remediation, or other health hazards) including testing and clearance requirements.
- Mitigation assistance to elevate homes and harden key systems, or to prevent damage that may be caused by a future storm.
- Buyout/acquisition of residential property.

NOTE: Please refer to *Multifamily Housing Mitigation* Fact Sheet for information on Mitigation/Elevation Grant assistance available to multi-family affordable housing property with eight (8) or more units

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What may NOT be covered?

The Recreate NY Smart Home Program may **NOT** cover the following items (list subject to change):

- Non-residential buildings that are not attached to the primary residence. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Pools
 - Pool houses
 - Sheds
 - Chicken coops
 - Detached garages
- Swing sets/playground equipment.
- Personal Property such as vehicles, furniture and household goods and clothing.
- Most appliances including, but not limited to:
 - Washing Machines
 - Dryers
 - Window Unit Air Conditioners (Some exceptions allowed)
 - Portable Heaters
 - Microwaves
 - Any small countertop appliances, including, but not limited to, coffee pots, toasters, toaster ovens, blenders, etc.
- General home improvement unrelated to damage directly resulting from the storm.
- Landscaping.
- Heating or cooking fuel replacement.

In addition to the registration, what information will I be required to provide to receive assistance?

Property owners will need to provide the following documents, at a minimum, along with their full and complete registration for assistance. This information will be collected in later consultation meetings with an assigned case manager, but you should begin gathering this information now in advance of those meetings:

- Proof of ownership of the disaster-damaged property (i.e. deed).
- Documentation of household income.
- Proof that property taxes are current and paid to date (i.e. paid receipt, evidence of payment from escrow).
- Documentation of any payments received or denial of claim from flood insurance or other insurance policies, if applicable.
- Proof that mortgage payments are current and up-to-date.
- Documentation of notice of award or offer of assistance to the disaster damaged property (i.e. FEMA award letter(s), Insurance Claim/Payout Documentation, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Claim/Payout Documentation, etc.).
- Receipts for any/all repair and/or rehabilitation work already completed at property where damage occurred.

How do I register?

You can complete a short-form registration TODAY by visiting <http://www.NYSandyHelp.ny.gov>. The short form registration will be used by the State and its partners to determine potential program eligibility. Upon determination of eligibility, registrants will be assigned a Housing Recovery Program case manager, who will work closely with residents to determine the best award package to address their individual needs. Case managers will be specially trained to walk residents through all the requirements of the program, from registration and document collection/verification, to development of a scope of work and contractor selection and hiring, to project completion and payment processing. Case managers will work alongside residents until all work is completed.

For additional questions about the information above, please call 1-855-NYS-SANDY.

Short-Form Registration for Assistance



Date of Registration			
Registrant Information			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Primary Phone	Secondary Phone		
Primary Email	Secondary Email		
Property Where Damage Occurred			
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	County
Current Contact Address (If different than damaged property address)			
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	County
Which storm were you damaged in? (check one or all that apply)		<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy	<input type="checkbox"/> Irene <input type="checkbox"/> Lee
Have you begun repairs on your home?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this your primary residence?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this a residential income-generating property? (i.e. Rental Property)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how many rental units are there within this property?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you an owner of record of the disaster-affected property?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, does anyone co-own this property with you?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you received prior disaster-related assistance for this property?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the property occupied now?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is your property located in the 100-year or 500-year floodplain?		<input type="checkbox"/> 100-year	<input type="checkbox"/> 500-year <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Total number of individuals residing in household; please circle one:		1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Other _____
Are you interested in (check all that apply):		<input type="checkbox"/> Repair/Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation/Elevation <input type="checkbox"/> Buyout

Registrant Consent Agreement

By completing the above information and signing below/submitting this registration, I affirm my desire to register for Recreate NY Smart Home assistance, available to me through the State of New York.

Further, I attest that in completing this short-form registration I:

- Understand that I will be provided with my unique registration ID #
- Understand that I will be provided with the Registration Confirmation and Disclaimer and Recreate NY Smart Home fact sheet(s)
- Understand that I will be contacted by a representative of the state or its partners to complete a long-form registration for assistance in the near future.
- Understand that income limits may apply and may be used to determine my eligibility for the program and/or amount of funding received.
- Understand my responsibility to collect any/all necessary documents related to my damaged property in advance of completing this registration, as per the aforementioned document disclaimer.
- Understand that the completion of this registration is in no way a guarantee of funding under this program.

I further attest that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in the foregoing registration is correct and true. I am aware that the filing of a false instrument in connection with this registration may constitute an attempt to defraud the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation and may be a felony under the laws of the State of New York. I agree to abide by the provisions of all applicable local, state and federal laws pertaining to falsification of any item contained herein or fraudulent misrepresentation of my business. False statements made by the registrant will result in rejection of the grant registration.

Signature	Print Name	Date
Witness		Date

This is an equal opportunity program. Federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternate means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact HUD with inquiries about assistance under Section 504. You may file a complaint form at: Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5204 Washington, DC 20410-2000.

Registration Confirmation and Disclaimer



Registrant Name

Registration ID#

Address

Thank you for your interest in and registering for the Recreate NY Smart Home Program. The registration you just completed will be used to determine potential program eligibility. As a reminder, funding from this program will not be distributed by the federal government and made available to the State of New York and its partners until federal agencies have approved the programs currently being created by the State.

Your information will now be shared with New York State and its partners. An assigned case manager will be contacting you in the coming weeks to schedule a follow-up meeting regarding your eligibility for assistance. Please note that further information will be required from all registrants before final program eligibility and award determinations can be made. Upon further contact, you will be asked to furnish information, including, but not limited, to the following:

- Status of mortgage payments on your property, including information on monthly payment amount, lender, etc.
- Status of State, County and Local Real Estate/Property taxes
- Existence of homeowner's and or flood insurance policy(ies) against your property
- Existence of other liens and encumbrances against your property
- Name, age and race of all household residents
- Verification of household income (e.g., IRS Form 1040, 1040 EZ, affidavit of incomes, etc.)
- Documentation of all prior disaster-related assistance received for your property (e.g., FEMA, SBA, NYS HRRF, ESRF, etc.), including, but not limited to, receipts for any/all repair, rehabilitation, and/or mitigation work already completed at the property where the damage occurred.
- Other documents as required by the source(s) of funding providing assistance under this program(s)

Contact Information

1-855-NYS-Sandy
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