

Recreate NY Multi-Family Housing Mitigation/Elevation Grant Program



The Recreate NY Multi-Family Housing Mitigation/Elevation Grant Program was established to provide assistance to eligible property owners that suffered direct physical damage as a result of Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee. Funding will be provided to assist property owners to cover damages that are outstanding after federal, state, local and private sources have been exhausted. The assistance is targeted to mitigation assistance of affordable housing to elevate homes or key systems. Affordability and flood insurance requirements may be placed on all assisted units following completion of mitigation activities. All reconstruction or mitigation of substantially damaged buildings must incorporate EnergyStar Standards. Rehabilitation of non-substantially damaged buildings must follow guidelines in the HUD Green Building Retrofit Checklist.

You may be eligible if

- Your property size contains eight or more units.
- Your property is located in a disaster declared county impacted by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee.
- Your property is situated in the 100-year floodplain and was damaged as a direct result of one of these storms.
- Funding under this program would **NOT** duplicate disaster-related assistance you have already received from FEMA, the Small Business Administration (SBA), or other Federal or State sources, or private sources, including, but not limited to insurance payments.

Required documents

Property owners will need to provide the following materials, at a minimum, to submit a complete application at a later date:

- Proof of ownership (deed).
- Proof that property taxes are current and paid to date (i.e. paid receipt, evidence of payment from escrow).
- Documentation of awards, offers of assistance or payments to cover costs incurred from storm related damage National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), homeowners insurances or other sources including, but not limited to: FEMA, SBA, NYS HRRF, ESRF, or non-governmental sources such as personal loans or bank financing.
- Lien and mortgage information- name of lender, estimated payoff balance and account number of all lien holders.
- Receipts for rehabilitation work already completed at damaged property.
- Documentation of occupied units and tenant income.
- Commitment to ensure affordability of units after assistance.

What may be covered?

- Mitigation assistance to residential multi-family housing property that may include elevation of real property and/or hardening of key utility systems to prevent future damage.
- Increased costs due to the requirement of complying with Federal Davis-Bacon Labor Standards.

What may NOT be covered?

- Non-residential outbuildings that are not attached to the primary residence. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Pools
 - Pool houses
 - Sheds
 - Chicken coops
 - Detached garages
- Housing repair or rehabilitation assistance.

To apply

Start the application process TODAY by visiting www.nysandyhelp.ny.gov. After completing and submitting an application you will be contacted by a housing recovery case manager who will work closely with you throughout the rest of the application process to determine the best package of assistance to address your individual needs.