

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:
NJ Department of Children and Families
Name of Expenditure Program:
Summer Camp Respite for Children With Behavioral health Challenges
Amount:
\$420,000

Overview:
<p>The Department Children and Families (DCF) has posted a Request for Qualifications for providers that can provide summer camp respite services to families who have children identified with behavioral health challenges. The project will be proceed with funding from the Sandy Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) to handle the increased needs of these families in Sandy affected counties. Sandy Camp Respite services for caregivers of youth and young adults with behavioral assistance needs are essential services in allowing caregivers to care for their family member at home. When a disaster happens and family daily routines are significantly altered, the stress can be daunting. Respite services are even more essential in times of crisis. DCF proposes to make respite services more readily available to caregivers of children/youth and young adults with special needs to ease the stress for families. These respite services will allow for caregivers to find the space necessary to address the disaster related needs of the family. Youth with behavioral health challenges will be able to participate in summer camp which will give their caregivers an opportunity to participate in recovery activities while their youth participates in supervised and structured activities. The program will provide access to camp to approximately 525 children/youth over the course of 2 years in impacted counties.</p>
Federal Department of Origin:
<p>U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services – The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013, (P. L. 113-2); “Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Funds” to address necessary expenses resulting from Hurricane Sandy, including social, health, and mental health services for individuals, and for repair, renovation and rebuilding of health care facilities (including mental health facilities), child care facilities, and other social services facilities.</p>
Federal Requirements / Restrictions:
<p>Funds to be totally expended by September 30, 2015. Also subject to Integrity Oversight monitoring via Assembly Bill A60 (A-60)(P.L.2013,c.37). Additional State regulations related to Governor Christie's Executive Order 125, as well as all applicable federal and state regulations for Procurement and Grants Management</p>

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Selection Standards:

The camps meeting the qualifications and who agree to the reporting terms shall be approved.

Eligibility Standards:

All children residing in eligible counties shall be eligible if referred by our central intake system at PerformCare. Each family shall be required to sign an attestation.

Other Notes: