

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:
NJ Department of Children and Families
Name of Expenditure Program:
SSBG Displaced Homemakers
Amount:
\$1,459,300

Overview:

There are fifteen Displaced Homemaker (DH) Programs throughout New Jersey. Eight programs fall within those counties and communities hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy. We propose to offer expanded Displaced Homemaker services through educational grants that will be applied towards eligible participants' educational certification programs. The grants may also be used to cover needed services/expenses in support of the participants' educational goals, such as child care, transportation, or appropriate attire for employment interviews. Each of the eight DH Programs in the affected Superstorm Sandy areas would receive an additional \$25,714 per year for up to a two year period to offer these services and more if the usage shows a greater need. Because Ocean County is one of Hurricane Sandy's hardest hit communities, we propose to make "whole" the Ocean County College Displaced Homemaker Program, currently a satellite office, to a fully funded DH Program by increasing the funding by an additional \$60,000 per year and increasing the level of service from 42 to 90 (unduplicated clients per contract year). This additional \$60,000 will be used to cover the costs to hire a career counselor/case manager. Currently one person is funded under this program. With additional staff, Ocean County College DH Program will be able to increase the DH services by expanding workshops; computer training, job readiness series, financial management; supportive services and referrals to assist more women in this hard hit Hurricane Sandy community reach economic self-sufficiency.

Federal Department of Origin:

US 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.

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Federal Requirements / Restrictions:

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

Selection Standards:

How does this expand an existing service?

The expansion in Ocean County is an expansion of services to include a career counselor. The other contract expansions proposed include the expansion of services to include clothing and transportation for interviews. These are the building blocks to a successful career and full employment.

Why is this service similar?

The expansion of Ocean County is similar to the existing services and will provide additional manpower to access additional clients. The other contract modification to expand services are a natural complement to the career counseling services provided and gives the clients the tools and the means to have a successful interview and be able to attend career workshops without the expense of transportation.

Eligibility Standards:

The eligibility of the homemakers will depend upon their residence at the time of Superstorm Sandy.

Other Notes: