

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:
NJ Department of Children and Families
Name of Expenditure Program:
Respite for Families of Developmentally Disabled Children and Sandy Affected Counties
Amount:
\$1,151,600

Overview:
Respite services for caregivers of youth and young adults with special needs are essential services in allowing caregivers to care for their family member at home. For individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and developmental/intellectual disabilities that limit the youth's ability to self-care their daily needs can be stressful for a family in the best of time. 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. Respite services include in-home services provided by a service provider trained with the skills to manage the needs of the individual with special needs, self-directed respite which allows the caregiver to choose who will provide the service and afterschool and Saturday programs outside of the home.
Federal Department of Origin:
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.
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:

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An Request for Qualifications shall determine those agencies eligible to provide these services

Eligibility Standards:

Respite services are provided to the families of children, youth and young adults with special needs. DCF defines special needs for this service within the context of a developmental and or intellectual disability. An individual can be determined eligibly for this service through the DCF DD Eligibility Process. Once an individual is determined eligible respite services can be requested through a Family Support Application (FSA). The FSA is completed over the phone by a care coordinator at PerformCare. Once the FSA is completed and the family has been identified to meet the following criteria connection to a local provider of respite services will be made. This service will authorized by PerformCare and utilization of the service will be managed by PerformCare.

- Individual: The youth with special needs is identified through the DD eligibility process or has previously been determined eligibility by either the Division of Developmental Disabilities or the Children's System of Care (CSOC).
- A Family Support Application has been completed.
- The family has identified that they resided in an impacted community at the time of Super Storm Sandy.

Other Notes: