

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department: NJDOT

Name of Expenditure or Program:

Permanent and Emergency Repairs - State Highways

Amount: \$925 million

Overview:

To restore State highways in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, NJDOT contracted for Emergency and Permanent Repairs of various roads and bridges. Emergency work includes sinkhole repairs, restoration of eroded soil, repair of damaged traffic lights, and flood control measures. Permanent Repairs involve highway reconstruction, such as that planned for Route 35 near the Jersey shore. Prospectively, FHWA may also fund “betterments” designed to mitigate flooding damage to transportation infrastructure from future storms.

Localities may also apply for federal disaster aid for roadwork. If a particular road is on the federal aid highway system, the locality would apply to the FHWA. For roads that are not on the federal system, the application is forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Federal Department of Origin:

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Federal Requirements /Restrictions:

FHWA reimbursement for emergency repairs is typically set at 100% for the first 180 days. After that period, the rate for permanent repairs is 90% for interstate roadways and 80% for non-interstate roads that are part of the federal highway system.

Selection Standards:

The FHWA’s selection standards governing this work, which are extensive, are listed in that agency’s Emergency Response manual.

Eligibility Standards:

FHWA reimbursement is limited to the State highway system, which includes roads that are considered to be primary and secondary in nature as well as minor arterials, all of which are listed on the National Highway Register. Damage to local roads is handled through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) aid programs.

Other Notes: