

SUPER STORM SANDY - ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Borough would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the programs that are available to help you with your property damage as a result of Super Storm Sandy.

OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE is to ensure that you are registered with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the SBA (Small Business Administration) for disaster assistance - CURRENTLY, **THE DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2013.**

FEMA – You can register online and check on the status of applications at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or via web-enabled phone or tablet at m.fema.gov. OR call 800-621-3362 or TTY 800-462-7585. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can call 800-621-3362. Recovery assistants remain available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SBA – You can register online to apply for an SBA disaster home or business loan by filling an online application at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. In addition, you can ask questions about SBA disaster home or business loan applications by calling 800-659-2955 or e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

ICC (INCREASED COST OF COMPLIANCE) FUND

If your property was covered by flood insurance and sustained damage in an amount greater than 50% of the value of your home, you are eligible for the ICC (Increase Cost of Compliance) fund from your flood insurance company to **elevate your property, pay for demolition or relocation costs**. You need to fill out the Super Storm Sandy Substantially Damaged Worksheet (available on the Borough's web site under forms) and bring that to Borough Hall, together with an estimate for the cost of raising your property. You will also need a statement from the Municipal Tax Assessor stating the value of your home. This information is submitted to the Municipal Construction Official, Albert P. Ratz, for approval. Once approved, Mr. Ratz will issue a "Notice of Determination" which you will forward to your flood insurance company to qualify for the funds.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING – YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE SBA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING

On March 12, 2013, the Christie Administration unveiled its proposed Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Action Plan, which outlines how the State plans to utilize \$1,829,520,000 in federal funding. This is the first phase of Community Development Block Grant funds provided to New Jersey by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Additional CDBG recovery funds are expected in the coming months. With this first phase of funding, the Christie Administration is focusing primarily on helping homeowners, renters, businesses and communities impacted by Super Storm Sandy. CDBG Disaster Recovery funds are intended to address unmet needs not satisfied by private insurance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration, or other sources. *To view the Action Plan, visit the NJ Department of Community Affairs' website at www.nj.gov/dca/announcements/pdf/CDBG-DisasterRecoveryActionPlan.pdf [pdf 5.73mb]. **It is imperative that residents apply for SBA disaster funding prior to the May 1, 2013 deadline to ensure eligibility to receive CDBG funding. The quickest way to apply for an SBA disaster home or business loan is filling out an online application at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. There is no obligation to accept an SBA disaster home loan and homeowners and renters may become eligible for additional FEMA grants if they are not approved for a loan.***

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUND

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The State of New Jersey will submit an application to FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding on behalf of its residents. Manasquan has submitted a request for grant funding for over 1400 homes in the Borough. Funds may be awarded by the State in 12 to 18 months from now. There is a possibility that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Fund may open up again based upon the amount of funding allocated to the municipality and the number of homeowners who accept the funding. Property owners who did not notify the Borough of Manasquan by the State's Letter Of Intent due date, may still be eligible for funds. **However, it is important to note that these grant funds cannot be used to reimburse for costs already incurred. If the grant is awarded to Manasquan, it can only fund new elevation projects along with a financial match from the property owner.** We encourage you to sign up for the Borough of Manasquan's email notification system through www.manasquan-nj.com so we can keep you informed of any future Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds.

BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN

The Borough is committed to getting information out to its residents and property owners in a timely and efficient manner. As new information arrives about the above programs, we would like to Email you. Please sign up for the Borough of Manasquan's Email Notification program at www.manasquan-nj.com or "like" the Borough of Manasquan's facebook page so we can keep you up-to-date. Of course, we are available at Borough Hall to answer your questions and you may feel free to call Borough Hall at 732-223-0544.