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## Christie Administration Announces More Than \$51 Million In FEMA Grants For Waterway Debris Removal Throughout New Jersey

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**Trenton, NJ** - The Christie Administration announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded more than \$51 million in Public Assistance grants to the State of New Jersey for waterway debris removal throughout coastal areas of the state following Superstorm Sandy.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received federal funding for the use of contractors for the loading, hauling, disposal and monitoring of Sandy debris throughout the state's waterways. Nearly 60 homes were swept into Barnegat Bay as a result of Superstorm Sandy and contractors and state officials have worked since Sandy made landfall last October to remove cars, vessels, buildings, docks, boardwalks, furniture and vegetative debris from New Jersey's coastal and tidal waterways stretching from Bergen County to Cape May and in areas of the Delaware Bay. New Jersey has made significant progress with debris clean-up, including: the removal of 85 percent of debris from the state's waterways; the clearing of 83 percent of Department of Transportation channels; the clearing of 71 percent of storm-impacted marinas; and the removal of 79 percent of abandoned vessels and vehicles.

An additional \$2.3 million Public Assistance grant was awarded to the town of Avon-By-The-Sea for the use of contractors to rebuild Sandy-damaged structures including the Avon Boardwalk and seawall.

The recipients, total project costs and FEMA grant amounts are as follows:

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** The total cost of the grants for waterway debris removal is \$68.11 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$51.08 million.

**AVON-BY-THE-SEA (Monmouth County)** The total cost of the grant is \$3.06 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$2.3 million.

Public Assistance reimburses local and county governments and certain nonprofit organizations for eligible disaster-related costs including emergency protective measures, debris removal and public infrastructure repair or replacement costs.

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