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Christie Administration Announces More Than \$14 Million in FEMA Grants for Superstorm Sandy Recovery Efforts

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Public Assistance Grants Awarded To Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority, Belmar, Lavallette and Newark

Trenton, NJ – The Christie Administration announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded more than \$14 million in Public Assistance grants for Superstorm Sandy recovery, repair and rebuilding. Grants were awarded to the Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority, as well as the municipalities of Belmar, Lavallette and Newark.

The Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority will use its funding to repair three sewerage facilities that sustained flood damage as a result of Sandy, including floors, ceilings, and walls, electrical and mechanical pump equipment including controls, motors, meters, valves, and circuits, and the fire alarm systems.

Belmar will use its grant for the use of contractors working on the replacement of the town's boardwalk destroyed by the Superstorm. Lavallette is utilizing its funding for its use of force account and contracts to repair damaged electrical distribution facilities. Newark will use its grant for Emergency Protective Measures that include search and rescue operations, evacuations and securing temporary facilities for destroyed or damaged facilities.

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

Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority: The total cost of the grant is \$1.49 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$1.34 million.

Belmar (Monmouth County): The total cost of the grant is \$10.3 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$9.24 million.

Lavallette (Ocean County): The total cost of the grant is \$2.6 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$2.34 million.

Newark (Essex County): The total cost of the grant is \$1.36 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$1.23 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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Transcript From July 30, 2013 Press Conference

Governor Christie: I want to thank all of you for coming today. I want to thank the people of Little Ferry for their guts. I mean, this wasn't easy, and you guys got hit in a way that was completely unexpected. I can remember when it happened on that night. I was getting ready to finally leave the emergency operations center. I thought I had already heard the worst of what was going to happen October 29th, and then I got alerted to what was going on here in Little Ferry and Moonachie, and it happened as you know in a flash, and you had brave people in both these towns who stood up and helped each other and made a difference, but in some ways the people along the Shore, while they didn't expect how bad it was they expected something to happen, where up here in Little Ferry and Moonachie I suspect that you didn't go to bed that night thinking you were going to get what you got. That makes it in some ways even harder to deal with the reality of it, and so I want you to know I understand that, and that the level of shock and displacement up here is significant, so I get it, and we're going to continue to work together. I can't promise you that in the next month when I come back here again in September and October and November that everything is going to be fixed and everybody's going to be back to normal, but you will be at some point, because this is my mission now. It's my mission to finish this task and to get you back to life as normal, so I'm not going to let up, I'm not going to give in, and I hope you won't either, and I suspect knowing this place as well as I've gotten to know it that there's no chance, no chance that you all will give in to this storm.

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