

Christie Administration Announces FEMA Approval of Nearly \$10 Million in Federal Funding for Public Assistance Projects for Recovery and Rebuilding Following Superstorm Sandy

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Funding Covers Costs of Debris Removal in Marlboro and Belmar, As Well As Administrative Costs Incurred by New Jersey OEM

Trenton, NJ – The Christie Administration announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved nearly \$10 million in federal funding for several Public Assistance projects for Sandy cleanup costs in Marlboro and Belmar, as well as for personnel and equipment costs incurred by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

A \$2.2 million Public Assistance project (with a \$1.6 million FEMA share) has been approved to reimburse the Township of Marlboro for costs incurred for the use of labor and equipment to remove debris and clear roads for emergency vehicle access. Additionally, a \$5.4 million Public Assistance project (with a \$4.0 million FEMA share) has been approved to reimburse the Borough of Belmar for costs associated with debris removal.

"The removal of debris from our communities is one of the ways our residents psychologically recover and return to a sense of normalcy in their everyday lives after the storm," said Governor Christie. "I thank FEMA for continuing to work with New Jersey's communities and municipalities to quickly and safely undertake these cleanup efforts, not just in our streets, parks, and downtowns, but also in the front and back yards of our homes. Getting this work done and securing reimbursement for our local governments continues to demonstrate steady progress for our residents as we continue the work of rebuilding our state."

A third Public Assistance project was also approved for the New Jersey OEM for personnel and equipment costs associated with the administration of the Public Assistance Program. FEMA will cover the entire \$3.5 million project cost.

Public Assistance is a cost-share program that 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. The program is administered by the State of New Jersey.

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