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Christie Administration Announces Over \$2.5 Million in FEMA Public Assistance Grants to State of New Jersey

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Trenton, NJ - The Christie Administration announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded over \$2.5 million total in federal grants to Brick Township and the City of Hoboken for Sandy-related emergency costs.

In Brick, federal funding will be used to reimburse costs associated with emergency protective measures performed as a result of Superstorm Sandy, including clearing roadways and setting up checkpoints and call centers to provide safety and security to residents for facilities destroyed or damaged during the storm. In response to Sandy, police officers and Department of Public Works employees cleared roadways, allowing for safe passage of emergency vehicles; police officers and National Guard personnel set up checkpoints on the barrier island to keep residents safe; a call center was established to answer and direct 40,000 calls from the 911 center; and building and electrical inspectors from Brick and neighboring towns inspected flooded buildings to determine the safety of these buildings for entrance or occupancy. Town equipment, such as loaders and dump trucks, was also used to rescue residents trapped in their homes due to flooding conditions, and a contractor was hired to remove sand from the streets to allow passage of vehicles.

The City of Hoboken will also receive federal funding to reimburse costs associated with emergency protective measures as a result of Sandy, including search and rescue operations, de-watering, traffic control and crime and hazard prevention for facilities destroyed or damaged during the storm. In response to Sandy, city fire, police, environmental, health and human services departments provided labor and equipment to perform search and rescue operations, coordinate the removal of flooded and abandoned vehicles and provide humanitarian efforts to affected residents.

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

BRICK TOWNSHIP (Ocean) The total cost of the project is \$1.9 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$1.4 million.

HOBOKEN (Hudson) The total cost of the project is \$1.5 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$1.1 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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