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Senator Carlucci Announces Applications Now Open for Hurricane Irene Recovery Grant Program

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NYS Empire State Development to Administer \$21 Million in Business Flood Recovery Grant Program

NANUET – Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Orange) today reminded Hudson Valley residents devastated by the impact of Hurricane Irene that the New York State Empire State Development is now accepting applications for the Hurricane Irene-Tropical Storm Lee Business Flood Recovery Grant Program. As part of last year's Middle Class Tax Reduction Plan that reduced the MTA Payroll Tax, the flood relief program was created to provide assistance to eligible small businesses, not-for-profit organizations, farms or owners of multiple dwelling that sustained direct physical flood-related damage as a result of Hurricane Irene.

"Hudson Valley residents can finally breathe a sigh of relief to know that the money we made available in last year's special legislative session is now available for eligible participants," said Senator Carlucci. "I encourage those that think they might be eligible to either contact my office or the New York State Empire State Development to find out if they qualify for financial support."

The Empire State Development will administer the \$21 million Business Flood Recovery Grant Program, which will provide grants of up to \$20,000 for eligible entities. Funding is geared to help offset the costs of storm-related repairs and restoration of structures not

covered by other federal, state or local recovery programs. Preference will be given to applicants that demonstrate the greatest need.

To apply for flood relief assistance, residents are urged to call [\(518\) 292-5340](tel:5182925340) or email floodrecovery@esd.ny.gov. Applications for Program Assistance may be completed online, however, an original signed application must be printed and mailed to:

Empire State Development

Attn: Hurricane Irene – Tropical Storm Lee Flood Recovery Program

30 South Pearl Street

Albany, NY 12245

For more information, eligible applicants can also call their appropriate **ESD Regional Office** covering the project area. **The deadline for the application is March 16, 2012.**

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