

# National Grid Hurricane Sandy Relief Program

## Tier 3: Economic and Community Development Assistance

### Program Summary

The Emergency Economic and Community Development program provides funding to National Grid commercial, industrial or multi-family residential gas customers that were impacted by the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy. Eligible buildings must have sustained storm damage and must have lost gas service due to the storm and flooding.

### Building Renovation and New Construction Projects Only

Program funds can be used for energy infrastructure repair and/or replacement, and rehabilitation of commercial, industrial, multi-family residential or mixed-use buildings, and costs associated with replacement of fixed machinery and equipment necessary for the operation of the business.

Grant amounts cannot exceed \$250,000. This is the maximum allowable award and each application will be evaluated on a variety of factors, resulting in many applicants not receiving the maximum award.

Funding consideration will be based on documented financial need and impact to the community. Grant amounts will be determined using criteria including, but not limited to:

- Total project costs
- Square footage of facility
- Jobs retained
- Type of business

### Minimum program requirements

To be eligible for this program, the applicant must:

- Be a National Grid commercial, industrial or multi-family residential gas customer; and
- Be applying for assistance for a building that sustained physical damage and lost natural gas service as a result of the hurricane and flooding; and
- Show evidence of monetary need based on a funding gap, demonstrated in a budget that identifies funds from all sources, such as personal funds, borrowed funds, insurance settlements, federal, state and local sources; and
- Produce estimates for eligible renovations or a storm damage assessment, which includes estimated costs for renovations conducted by a government agency such as The U.S. Small Business Administration; and
- Have a service address within the National Grid gas franchise area in New York City or on Long Island; and
- Be located in a county within an area declared a "State of Emergency" by New York State and/or the Federal government; and
- Be current in payments to National Grid or have executed a deferred payment agreement with the Company, unless the arrears are directly related to the storm; and
- Wherever possible, pursue opportunities through National Grid and/or the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA's) Energy Efficiency programs; and

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- Receive an endorsement of the application by a state, regional or local economic development agency that is familiar with both the applicant's project and National Grid's program requirements. The endorsement must include a site visit and should provide photographic evidence of storm damage to the subject property.

### **New construction**

Subject to all other requirements and guidelines for this program, property owners whose buildings cannot be rehabilitated may apply for grant funds to construct a new building on the same site, or on another nearby site in the same neighborhood.

### **Inventory and furnishings**

Small business customers (employing less than 100 people) who meet the above minimum program requirements may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in assistance for replacement of inventory and furnishings. Eligible customers must first qualify for relief under the Empire State Development Corporation/New York Business Development Corporation emergency business loan program at [www.nybdc.com/SuperStormSandyLoanFundsLanding.html](http://www.nybdc.com/SuperStormSandyLoanFundsLanding.html)

To the extent possible program funding will be coordinated with assistance received from NYSERDA

and other state, federal, local, insurance or other sources of emergency aid.

Applicants awarded grants may request payment of grant funds after they have completed and paid for work equal to or greater than the grant award amount. National Grid will release grant funds at its discretion when payments for material and labor are documented and after verification of completed work is done by a National Grid representative.

All applications for this program must be received by March 31, 2014 in order to be considered for funding.

### **How to apply for assistance**

To determine program eligibility and for additional information for the above program, please call National Grid at: **1-855-496-9359**



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