

Lake Ontario Relief & Recovery — Homeowner Recovery Program

New York's Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River communities have experienced some of the highest water levels in history. In June, Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature reached an agreement to provide \$45 million in relief for communities impacted by the severe flooding—building on the \$22 million in assistance already made available by the state in May. The new legislation significantly expands the program's scope and eligibility, and increases the maximum award available to New Yorkers who have suffered damage to their homes and businesses in the wake of this extreme weather. It includes \$15 million in support for homeowners that sustained direct physical flood-related damage.

The deadline for homeowner applications is approaching. Anyone who has not submitted an application must do so by 5PM on Friday, September 29th to be eligible.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Homeowners can apply for assistance through the not-for-profit organizations responsible for administering the program in their local areas. Applications are available on each organization's website.

Cayuga, Monroe and Wayne Counties Sheen Housing sheenhousing.org sheen2@rochester.rr.com (585) 657-4114

Niagara County Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. nfnhs.org/lake-ontario-flood-recovery nfnhs@nfnhs.org (716) 285-7778 Orleans County PathStone thehousingcouncil.org FloodRelief@pathstone.org (585) 546-3700

Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties Neighbors Of Watertown, Inc. <u>neighborsofwatertown.com</u> Floodinfo@neighborsofwatertown.com (315) 782-8497

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT?

Homeowners in eligible areas that sustained direct physical flood-related damage will be eligible to receive up to \$50,000 under this program. The program is open to all owners of primary residences and to owners of non-primary residences with income no greater than \$275,000 for the 2016 taxable year.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS READY?

We encourage homeowners to submit applications in advance of the deadline, even if you don't have all supporting documentation ready. We understand that estimates and other documentation may not available until a later date. You will have the opportunity to share additional information as it becomes available.

Governor Cuomo is committed to supporting your communities with the resources they need to successfully rebuild. Not-for-profits are working to process applications as expeditiously as possible. For questions or additional information, please contact the HCR Office of Community Renewal at <u>LakeOntario@nyshcr.org</u> or (518) 474-2057