

## **Business Owners,**

I am pleased to inform you of another flood related grant opportunity. This grant includes funding for businesses, multifamily housing and farms.

**The Hurricane Irene – Tropical Storm Lee Business Flood Recovery Grant Program** ("the Program") is a program administered by the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development ("ESD") to provide cash grants to eligible small businesses, not-for-profit organizations, farms or owners of multiple dwellings, that sustained direct physical flood-related damage as a result of Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee. Grants may be used for storm-related repairs and restoration of structures, and for other storm-related costs. Under the terms of this the Program, Eligible Entities (as defined in the Program Guidelines) can be compensated for fifty percent (50%) of storm-related damage up to a total of \$20,000. Eligible Losses (as defined in the Guidelines) must be related to actual and direct physical losses to structures or items used in the Eligible Entity's operation.

All Eligible Entities must:

- Qualify as an Eligible Entity as defined in the Guidelines;
- Have sustained an Eligible Loss or Losses that were incurred on or after August 28, 2011 as a result of Hurricane Irene and/or September 7, 2011 as a result of Tropical Storm Lee, hereinafter referred to as the "Recovery Period";
- Complete the Certification of Eligible Entity in Section E of this application.

Program Assistance is not available for:

- Casinos or other gambling establishments, or adult entertainment facilities;
- Organizations involved in religious or political activities, or;
- The cost of storm-related repairs and restoration of structures or for other storm-related costs which have or will be covered by any other federal, state or local recovery program or any third party payor.

**Applications must be postmarked by March 16, 2012. The applications can be found at <http://www.esd.ny.gov/BusinessPrograms/FloodRecovery.html>. I have included the application and the guidelines as an attachment to this email as well.**

If you need assistance in filing out this application, please let me know. I will be more than happy to sit down with you to help you fill out the application. Also, please feel free to share this information with anyone you believe would benefit from this information.

Sincerely,  
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