



Stockton to Host Public Hearing on State Plan to Spend \$1.46 Billion on Sandy Recovery

Event on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Performing Arts Center

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The plan proposes to spend \$735 million on housing assistance programs, with \$435 million that going to low-to-moderate-income families. Another \$535 million would go to infrastructure programs such as providing reliable power to critical public facilities including hospitals and wastewater treatment plants; and to provide flood protection for high-risk areas.

Other parts of the proposal include \$90 million in funding for local governments in the state to help them recover from Sandy to maintain essential services; \$10 million to demolish unsafe flood-damaged buildings; and \$5 million to help affected municipal zoning and code-enforcement offices respond to the influx of applications to rebuild. The plan also includes \$5 million for marketing to encourage people to stay on shore.

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CDBG Disaster Recovery funds are intended to support local rebuilding efforts after private insurance, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), or other available sources of funds have been applied, the state said.

At Stockton, Spanish-language translators, sign language interpreters and other services will be provided by the state to make the event accessible to more members of the public. State officials and representatives of federal agencies are expected to attend and provide additional information.

The other two public hearings will be held at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Essex County on Feb. 12 and at Brookdale Community College in Monmouth County on Feb. 13.