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Dear Mr. Rosen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide written responses to questions raised by members of the Assembly Budget Committee during the department's April 7, 2014 budget hearing.

Assemblyman Schaer

- What amount of time were prospective bidders given to respond to the Request for Quotation, issued by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury, for the "Management and Other Related Services of the Superstorm Sandy Housing Incentive Program for the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs?"

The Request for Proposal was posted on April 29, 2013 with bid responses due on May 15, 2013.

- Please provide the committee with a copy of the Department's budget for program delivery costs, by individual program, for all Community Disaster Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Programs.

Please see Attachment #1.

- Is a local unit of government (counties and municipalities) permitted to award a contract for which there is no cap on the amount that may be paid for services provided by the winning bidder?

The answer to this question would depend on the type of contract being awarded. The Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., generally governs all procurements by local government units. Under some circumstances, the Local Public Contracts Law could allow a local unit to award contracts utilizing a pricing structure which effectively results in open-ended payments for services to a winning vendor. Contracts that outline commodity pricing would effectively permit an "open ended" cost,

subject to the local unit's budget appropriations and the certification of funds required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3 and 5.4.

- What amount of Transitional Aid to Localities has been set aside for the City of Clifton and the Borough of Nutley?

No amounts have been set aside at this time. Based upon a preliminary review of information submitted by the Borough of Nutley, the Division of Local Government Services authorized the inclusion of \$2.75 million in the Borough's 2014 introduced budget, contingent on the Legislature enacting the language included in the Governor's proposed Fiscal 2015 budget. An amount for the City of Clifton has not yet been determined.

Assemblyman Singleton

- Please provide data on the number of African-American, Latino, and non-minority applicants who were determined to be ineligible for assistance through the RREM program because they did not meet one of the eligibility criteria. Please provide these data for each eligibility criteria.
- How many African-American, Latino, and non-minority applicants, respectively, appealed an initial determination that they were ineligible for assistance through the RREM program? For each category of applicants: How many appeals were successful? How many appeals were unsuccessful?

Please see Attachment #2.

- Please provide an update to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency's performance report for the New Jersey HomeKeeper Program. What amount of assistance has been obligated? What amount of assistance has been provided to applicants?

As of April 14, 2014, HMFA has obligated a total of \$225,126,092 to provide mortgage assistance to 5,528 New Jersey homeowners. Of this amount \$159,139,375 has been provided in the way of assistance.

Assemblyman Wimberly

- Please provide, by type of assistance, a list of municipalities that have received funding through the Prevention of Homelessness Program.

The funds are not awarded by municipality; rather the funding is awarded to non-profit agencies to provide homelessness prevention funds countywide. Below is a list of non-profit agencies that have been awarded funds in Fiscal 2014.

Agency	County
Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation	Hudson
Burlington County Community Action Program	Burlington
Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden, Inc.	Atlantic
Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden, Inc.	Cape May, Gloucester
Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden, Inc.	Cumberland, Salem
Catholic Charities of Newark	Essex
Catholic Family and Community Services	Passaic
Center for Family Services, Inc.	Camden
Family Promise of Hunterdon County, Inc.	Hunterdon
Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc.	Bergen
HomeFront, Inc.	Mercer
Interfaith Neighbors, Inc.	Monmouth
NORWESCAP	Morris, Sussex, Warren
NORWESCAP	Somerset
Ocean Community Economic Action Now, Inc.	Ocean
PROCEED, Inc.	Union
Puerto Rican Assn. For Human Development, Inc.	Middlesex

Prevention of Homelessness Program benefit funding provides security deposits, rental arrears, and rental assistance for domestic violence victims. The appropriation also provides the required State match for the USHUD Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Constable, III
Commissioner

Attachments

- C: Charlene Holzbaur, Office of Management and Budget
- Aaron Binder, Assembly Democratic Office
- Jerry Traino, Assembly Republican Office
- Scott A. Brodsky, Office of Legislative Services

SANDY RECOVERY - BUDGET PROJECTIONS - SFY13 - SFY15
CDBG-Disaster Recovery

ADMIN - general oversight, monitoring, finance & administration (max 5% of total)
 PROGRAM DELIVERY - environmental, federal requirements, application and grant processing, etc. Costs to deliver the program funds to recipients.
 DIRECT PROGRAM - funds directly to the program recipients in grant or loan or direct benefit.

Program		0.5% ADMIN	PROGRAM DELIVERY	DIRECT PROGRAM
RRM	\$710,000,000		\$142,000,000	\$568,000,000
Housing Resettlement Program	\$215,000,000		\$32,250,000	\$182,750,000
Large Multi-Family	\$179,520,000	\$1,159,025	\$5,445,420	\$172,915,555
Landlord Rental Repair	\$70,000,000		\$14,000,000	\$56,000,000
Affordable Rental Pre-Development Fund	\$10,000,000	\$50,000	\$1,332,936	\$8,617,064
Neighborhood Enhancement Program (Blight)	\$30,000,000		\$3,004,630	\$26,995,370
Incentive for Landlords	\$40,000,000		\$1,986,395	\$38,013,605
Sandy Home Buyer Assistance Program	\$25,000,000		\$3,672,405	\$21,327,595
Special Needs Housing	\$25,000,000		\$1,779,572	\$23,220,428
Grants/Recov Loans to Small Business	\$100,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$27,549,064	\$70,950,936
Direct Loans for Small Businesses	\$100,000,000		\$14,924,999	\$85,075,001
Neighborhood & Community Revitalization	\$75,000,000		\$11,193,740	\$63,806,260
Tourism Marketing	\$25,000,000		\$3,731,250	\$21,268,750
FEMA Match	\$50,000,000		\$209,440	\$49,790,560
Essential Public Services	\$60,000,000		\$409,080	\$59,590,920
Code Enforcement	\$6,000,000		\$900,000	\$5,100,000
Unsafe Structure Demolition-DCA	\$15,000,000		\$2,250,000	\$12,750,000
Supportive Services - DOH	\$4,900,000	\$245,000	\$735,000	\$3,920,000
DCA Homeless Housing	\$5,100,000		\$765,000	\$4,335,000
Administration	\$7,150,000	\$7,150,000		
Planning Programs	\$7,150,000			
Total	\$1,829,520,000	\$86,954,025	\$268,139,132	\$1,474,426,843

NJ SANDY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY
RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, ELEVATION & MITIGATION PROGRAM (RREM)

APPLICANT INELIGIBLE DETERMINATION

	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian	Black/African American	Native Hawaiian	Multi Racial	White	Declined/ Did Not Answer	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Total									
Ineligible	8	92	168	2	52	1,709	384	2,415	98
Total	51	484	522	13	260	11,846	1,705	14,881	525
% Ineligible	16.00%	19.00%	32.00%	25.00%	20.00%	14.00%	23.00%	16.00%	19.00%

APPEALS

	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian	Black/African American	Native Hawaiian	Multi Racial	White	Declined/ Did Not Answer	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Total									
Eligible	9	33	44	1	18	846	102	1,053	32
Ineligible	3	15	15		8	252	59	352	10
Total	12	48	59	1	26	1,098	161	1,405	42
% Eligible	75.00%	68.75%	74.58%	100.00%	69.23%	77.05%	63.35%	74.95%	76.19%
Pending		4	3		2	84	18	111	4

*Data as of 2/19/14