



The Borough of Keansburg

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this letter because your property has been declared substantially damaged as a result of the effects of Superstorm Sandy. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware that the Borough of Keansburg intends to apply for a federal grant on behalf of interested residents through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The Township's application will request funding to assist the owners of substantially damaged properties with the costs associated with elevating structures in flood hazard areas above base flood elevation.

At this time, we are at the beginning of the grant application process. The Borough wants to take advantage of every opportunity to help residents rebuild their homes in a safer and stronger manner. There is reason to be optimistic about acquiring funding through the HMGP but there are several important facts about which residents must be aware:

- The federal program is very competitive and the amount of funding is capped statewide.
- There are no guarantees that the Borough will receive any funding.
- The grant program provides funding for up to 75% of the project costs; the homeowner will be responsible for at least the remaining 25%. This match can be made with money from the Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) portion of flood insurance or other resources. ICC settlements must be completely exhausted before grant funds are used, even if the ICC settlement exceeds 25% of the project cost.
- Money distributed through the HMGP may not be used to reimburse costs of work already completed under current regulations.
- Participation in this program will require an uncertain commitment of time and a great deal of patience.

The Borough is hopeful that we can produce a competitive grant application that gives all interested residents a chance to participate in this program. Our goal is to take advantage of all possible sources of assistance for our residents. However, since federal resources may be limited due to the extent of damage throughout the State, the Borough may ultimately need to

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prioritize the disbursement of grant funds based on certain criteria such as repetitive loss properties, flood zone type, and whether a member of the household has a physical disability that requires a ramp or lift. In order for the Borough to present a thorough and complete application, we encourage interested homeowners to **complete the attached form and return AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN April 1, 2013 to the Floodplain Manager, Borough of Keansburg, George E. Kauffmann Municipal Building, 29 Church Street, Keansburg, NJ 07734**. If you do not complete and return the attached form by the specified date you may still be eligible to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Striedl at (732) 787-0215 x228.

Sincerely,

Raymond O'Hare
Borough Manager

Edward P. Striedl, CFM
Construction Official/Certified Floodplain Administrator

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Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Phone Numbers

Home	Cell	Work
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Damaged Property Address: _____

Keansburg, New Jersey 07734

Current Contact Address _____

Do you have a flood insurance policy? YES NO

Have you received notice of eligibility funding for INCREASED COST OF COMPLIANCE (ICC) funding through your though your flood insurance? YES NO

Do you understand that in order to receive funding though this program you must be willing and able to provide a contribution of at least 25% of the total project cost? YES NO

Does a member of your household have a physical disability that requires a ramp or lift to enter or exit your home? YES NO

Was this property your principal place of residence prior to Superstorm Sandy? YES NO

Have you elevated your home/utilities or constructed a new building foundation at your property since October 29, 2012? YES NO

By signing below, you acknowledge that you are interested in participating in the HMGP. The Township will apply for a communitywide grant on your behalf and on behalf of other Township residents. You acknowledge that this declaration of interest does not provide a guarantee for future funding, and that the time frame of any payout through this grant program is uncertain.

Signature Date

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