

Two N.J. towns will get over \$5 million in reimbursement from FEMA

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New Jersey Governor Chris Christie announced on Tuesday Dec 18, 2012, that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved over \$5 million in reimbursement's to two New Jersey (<http://www.nj.gov>) towns for costs related to work performed in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Brick Township in Ocean County was hit hard by the storm due to a prolonged storm surge which caused severe flooding, downed trees, and widespread power outages that lasted more than three weeks and caused major health and safety issues. Town offices were closed for a week and the Brick Township Municipal Authorities experienced a disruption of service to all 26 sewer pumping stations it runs.

Freehold Township in Monmouth County was reimbursed for its use of cross-department personnel – police, public works, and sewage plant – as well as purchases and rented material costs associated with emergency protective measures taken in response to Hurricane Sandy, including patrol of the community, securing evacuated areas, and conducting rescues, among other duties.

The reimbursement breakdown is as follows:

Township of Brick: The total cost of the emergency protective measures is \$1.9 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$1.4 million.

Brick Township Municipal Authorities: The total cost of the emergency protective measures is \$3.5 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$2.6 million.

Township of Freehold: The total cost of the emergency protective measures is \$1.37 million. FEMA's share of the cost is \$1.03 million.

Public Assistance reimburses local and county governments and certain nonprofit organizations for eligible disaster-related costs including emergency protective measures, debris removal and public infrastructure repair or replacement costs.



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