

**New York State Office of the Attorney General
Charities Bureau**

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information

Name of Organization: Empire State Relief Fund ("ESRF")

1.	What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?
As of December 17, 2012, ESRF has \$5,740,493.08 in its bank account and approximately \$9,615,407.00 million in pledges.	
2.	Will these funds be used solely for Hurricane Sandy relief? If not, approximately what portion will be used for Hurricane Sandy relief and what other purposes will funds be used for?
The funds received for Hurricane Sandy relief will be used solely to promote and assist in providing long-term housing and in rebuilding homes of New York residents affected by Hurricane Sandy.	
3.	Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?
<p>On December 13, 2012, ESRF's Board of Directors voted to make its first distribution of \$5 million. The funds will be widely distributed to victims of Hurricane Sandy through the Housing Trust Fund Corporation ("HTFC"), which is affiliated with the New York State Homes and Community Renewal. The funds will be provided specifically for rebuilding and restoring affected homes, in amounts of up to \$10,000 each.</p> <p>ESRF seeks to bridge the gap between the cost of repair or replacement of a home and the funds available to a homeowner by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") to cover this cost. ESRF and HTFC are in the process of finalizing a memorandum of understanding requiring HTFC to use FEMA requirements as a basis for the distributions.</p>	
4.	What services has your organization provided to those affected by Hurricane Sandy? What populations or geographical areas are being served by your organization in response to Hurricane Sandy? What services does it expect to provide in the future?
ESRF has not provided services yet. It intends to serve residents of New York State affected by Hurricane Sandy by assisting in providing long-term housing and rebuilding of homes through grants to the HTFC, which is affiliated with the New York State Homes and Community Renewal.	
5.	Has your organization provided funding to other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts? If so, which organizations have received those funds and what is the approximate dollar amount provided to them? How does your organization determine the need for funding?
ESRF has not yet provided funding to any other organization for Hurricane Sandy relief. It initially intends to provide housing assistance for New York residents through coordination with the HTFC, as set forth in a memorandum of understanding with the HTFC, which will distribute the funds in accordance with such memorandum. HTFC will provide reports to ESRF, which	

will include a full accounting of all funds committed by ESRF to HTFC.

6. Has your organization provided, or does it intend to provide, direct financial assistance to individuals, families or businesses for Hurricane Sandy relief? If so, what is the approximate dollar amount that your organization has provided to date and approximately how much direct financial assistance does it expect to provide in the future? How does your organization determine the need for assistance?

ESRF does not expect to provide funds directly to individuals, families and businesses. Please see the response to Question 5 above.

7. Does your organization have a plan in place on how to use any surplus funds not spent for Hurricane Sandy relief? If so, please describe that plan.

At the present time, ESRF does not have any surplus funds. Any funds raised for Hurricane Sandy relief will be spent for that purpose only.

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Name and title of representative



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