

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

**Hurricane Sandy Relief Information**

**Name of Organization:** Hope for New York

1.	What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?
~\$178,000 as of December 13, 2012	
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?
<p>Yes, funds raised from the Hope for New York Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund will be given primarily to Hope for New York's existing network of nonprofit organizations and other extended faith partners who were directly impacted by Sandy or are providing relief and recovery efforts for those in their community.</p> <p>Grants to these organizations will meet the immediate and long-term financial needs associated with the disaster. Funds may be allocated to meet needs including (but not limited to) food, supplies, materials, and other program expenses related to providing relief and recovery to those affected by the storm. In addition, funds may be allocated for capital and facility/structural damages, materials, supplies and other program expenses incurred due to Hurricane Sandy.</p>	
3.	Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?
As of December 13, 2012, Hope for New York has distributed \$51,535 in Hurricane Sandy grants to these organizations to meet the immediate and long-term financial needs associated with the storm.	
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?
Hope for New York's mission is to provide volunteer, financial resources and capacity building support to organizations that serve the poor and marginalized in New York City. Throughout the year, we support organizations that are directly serving the poor in their communities by	

providing volunteers, technical assistance, and financial grants. We are an intermediary organization and do not provide direct support to individuals; rather, we support the 39 non-profit organizations with whom we have partnerships and which are providing direct support to individuals in need.

As a result of Hurricane Sandy, we have been providing a significant increase in volunteer and financial support to those organizations within our existing network of nonprofit organizations and extended faith partners who were directly impacted by Sandy or are providing relief and recovery efforts for those in their community.

The nonprofits we have supported with volunteers and/or financial support for Hurricane Sandy relief are primarily serving Manhattan (particularly south of 34<sup>th</sup> St.), Brooklyn (Coney Island), Queens (The Rockaways, Breezy Point), Staten Island, Long Island, and The Bronx. More information regarding the specific grants that have been provided under Question 5 below.

Our plan is to continue to provide long-term support to our existing nonprofit partners and extended faith partners.

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?

As stated, Hope for New York provides volunteers, grants and capacity building support to organizations within our existing network of nonprofits located across New York City. Our priority is to partner with organizations that work with underserved neighborhoods and populations.

We have two dedicated staff who are conducting the due diligence and assessment of needs within our existing partners. Our grants are prioritized to organizations that meet the following criteria: 1) An existing nonprofit organization or other extended faith partner within the Hope for New York network that was directly impacted by Sandy or is providing relief and recovery efforts to those in their community. 2) The organization has a history of serving poor or underserved communities in need.

To date, HFNY has distributed two rounds of grants. In the aftermath of the storm, Hope for New York prioritized immediate needs by funding direct supplies of food, clothing, heaters, gasoline, etc. In the second round of grants, costs for structural damages due to flooding, rent for temporary distribution centers, and other operational costs were also funded.

Grants distributed to date are the following:

- **All Angels' Church Community Ministries: (\$2,300):** Grant covers expenses related to keeping the shelter open for 3 extra nights during the hurricane, including food, security,

electricity, heating, food, and laundry.

- **Brooklyn Jubilee (\$3,200):** Grant to purchase 6 weeks' worth of baby food and formula for families that were displaced by the storm.
- **Christian Herald Association d/b/a The Bowery Mission (\$5,000):** Grant to cover emergency lighting at the Bowery Mission because the old lighting was damaged after the storm as well as to cover materials and supplies expenses at emergency distribution locations at the Bowery Mission's Avenue D location and in the Rockaways.
- **Father's Heart Ministries (\$21,000):** Grant covers costs of boiler repair, loss of food in fridges, damaged tools and supplies ruined by flood water, and also to reimburse costs of relief efforts including flashlights, food, and other supplies.
- **Living Waters Fellowship (\$1,200):** Grants to this Brooklyn-based church funded the purchase of food and supplies (sandwiches, coffee, soup, plastic cutlery, plates, bowls, etc.) for distribution to individuals in Staten Island affected by the storm.
- **New York City Relief (\$15,000):** Grant funded the purchasing of hand warmers, hats, gloves, materials and supplies to be distributed through mobile soup kitchen in Staten Island, Coney Island and other areas hit by the Hurricane.
- **New York City Rescue Mission (\$3,185):** Grant to recover cost of food spoiled as a result of a temporary power outage as well as batteries/flashlights, gasoline, mileage, extra food and dry ice. The Shelter hosted three times its capacity while it was still operating with power directly after the storm.
- **Russian Community Life Center (\$650):** Grant to purchase space-heaters for families living in Brighton Beach who were still without heat.

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?

No; Hope for New York does not directly fund individuals in need. In line with our mission, grants are distributed to nonprofits who are serving the needs of the poor in New York.

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.

Hope for New York intends to distribute all funds collected for Hurricane Sandy to Hurricane Sandy Relief and recovery efforts. We do not anticipate having any surplus funds that cannot be used to support Hurricane Sandy relief and recovery efforts. To date, we are no longer soliciting

funds specifically for the Hope for New York Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. Going forward, we are focusing our Hurricane relief efforts on providing volunteers and financial resources, from funds already raised, to organizations directly impacted by the storm, or that are providing direct services to Hurricane victims.

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