



Individual and Family Grant Program Summer 2006 Flooding

On June 30, 2006 Governor Pataki announced a \$35 million flood relief package for residents impacted by the summer flooding in the following counties: Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Orange, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, Tioga, Ulster, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Madison, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Tompkins counties. The Governor has also requested Federal Disaster Assistance.

The State's Disaster Relief Program is designed to supplement existing federal disaster relief programs and address gaps in coverage and eligibility for individuals and families, and also municipalities that were affected by the flooding. The \$25 million State Individual and Family Grant Program seeks to provide individuals, families, and small businesses with grants of up to \$5,000 for documented flood losses not covered by insurance or other government programs.

Nature of Loss

For small businesses such costs shall include, but not be limited to, those necessary to replace or mitigate damage to real property, and appurtenances such as, machinery and equipment. However such costs shall not include direct compensation for revenue or income lost as a result of disruption in the operation of business due to the storm.

For residents such costs shall include, but not be limited to, insurance deductibles or the difference between insurance coverage and actual replacement costs or repair of a primary residence. Covered costs also include replacement of personal possessions, temporary or emergency housing costs, demolition, debris removal and disposal, and other costs associated with the cleaning and salvage of personal possessions.

Application Process

Applications are available at Disaster Assistance Service Centers and on the Labor Department website – www.labor.state.ny.us. The application is a four-step process:

- Complete the initial application, including personal or business information.
- The department will send applicants a letter confirming the information and requesting additional documentation of the loss.
- Inspectors will visit sites to verify loss.
- Once the inspection report is filed, eligible applicants will be mailed an award.

Important Reminders

- File for all grants programs through New York State and FEMA
- Keep all records of loss for three (3) years

Other DOL Services:

The Department of Labor can also assist you with your business needs, such as Shared Work, Rapid Response and Unemployment Insurance information.

For More Information:

www.labor.state.ny.us
1-888-7-NYS-AID

www.fema.gov
1-800-621-FEMA (3362)