

# Post-Sandy Funders Briefings

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**Series I** (November 5, 2012 – March 25, 2013)

**Series II** (September 9 – November 5, 2013)

Beginning on the first Monday after Hurricane Sandy struck New Jersey, The Council of New Jersey Grantmakers (CNJG) began hosting weekly conference calls for grantmakers in-state and nationwide, to discuss their response to Sandy and strategies facing NJ as a result of the storm.

Each conference call briefing offered guest speakers who have expertise in disaster recovery efforts. Speakers represented government agencies (FEMA, HUD, HHS, etc.), national philanthropic leaders, expert psychologists with experience in PTSD, planners and community redevelopment leaders, and representatives from NJ's Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, among others. Grantmakers were given an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and also to share information and concerns regarding their own issues related to Sandy during the second half of each call.

These briefings proved to be a valuable method of educating NJ's grantmakers on disaster philanthropy, as well as informing everyone on the varied new funds being established. This information exchange is critical for avoiding duplication, encouraging collaboration, and ensuring there are no major gaps in funding the needs of NJ's communities.

*The conference call briefings occurred on Monday's from 4.00pm—5.00pm EST.*

Date	Speaker	Affiliation
<b>Series I</b>		
November 5	Denise Gilliam	Recovery Directorate - FEMA <i>National Disaster Recovery Planning Division Capacity Building and Long Term Community Recovery</i>
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	Josh Barnes	National Coordinator, Recovery Support Function <i>Federal Economic Administration</i>
	Kristy Ray	Voluntary Agency Liaison – FEMA
November 19	Cathy McCann	President, NJ Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

November 26	John Davies	President, Baton Rouge Area Foundation <i>(led post-Katrina philanthropic response throughout Louisiana)</i>
December 3	Byron Mason	Health & Social Services Recovery Support Function Field Coordinator <i>U.S. Department of Health &amp; Human Services</i>
December 10	Peter Kasabach	CEO, New Jersey Future <i>(planning and land-use expert)</i>
December 17	April Naturale, M.D.	Renowned Psychologist <i>(led the Sept. 11 Project Liberty as well as PTSD response efforts after Hurricanes Katrina, Ike, and Gustav)</i>
January 7	Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy	Director, Office of International and Philanthropic Innovation (HUD)
January 14	Margaret Waldock	Program Director, Environment, G. R. Dodge Foundation <i>(provided an update on the recent Environmental Grantmakers meeting)</i>
		<b>UPDATE on Long Term Recovery Group Activities</b>
	Cathy McCann	President, NJ Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster VP of Operations, Community Food Bank of NJ
	Janet Sharma	Executive Director, Volunteer Center of Bergen County Bergen County LTRG
	Toni Moen	FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison for Essex
	Dan Altilio	Executive Director, United Way of Hudson County Hudson County LTRG
	Maria Hunter	Program Director, Catholic Charities of Metuchen Middlesex County LTRG
	Tim Hearne	Executive Director, United Way of Monmouth County Monmouth LTRG
	Ted Gooding	President & CEO, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Ocean County LTRG
January 28	Denise Gilliam	<b>WEBINAR</b> FEMA: Federal Disaster Recovery Coordination Unit
	Charles Heltsley, Jr.	FEMA: Federal Disaster Recovery Officer
		<i>The National Disaster Recovery Framework- Strengthening Disaster Recovery for the Nation. Updates on FEMA's Long Term Recovery Planning for New Jersey.</i>
		<i>The role of philanthropy and examples of how the philanthropic partners in other states have supported recovery efforts in other national disasters.</i>

February 4	Michelle Whetten Keith Fairey  Staci Berger Kevin Walsh	Gulf Coast Vice President, Enterprise Community Partners Solutions Vice President, Enterprise Community Partners <i>Housing issues: lessons learned from Katrina</i>  Executive Director, Housing & Community Development Network NJ Associate Director, Fair Share Housing Center <i>Housing Issues: challenges in NJ and strategies for protecting homeowners and renters</i>
February 11	Hans Dekker  Michael Catania Tim Dillingham Tom Gilbert	President, Community Foundation of New Jersey <i>Update on the New Jersey Recovery Fund</i>  <b>UPDATE on Environmental Issues in the Aftermath of Sandy (Part 1)</b>  Past President, Conservation Resources (current ED of Duke Farms)  Executive Director, The American Littoral Society  Regional Conservation Services Director, The Trust for Public Land.
February 25	Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup	President, Vermont Community Foundation <i>Sharing best practice and lessons learned after Hurricane Irene</i>
March 4	Cam Henderson  <i>Volunteer Reporters</i> Leigh Gibson Doug Schoenberger Abby O'Neill	Executive Director, Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund <i>Update on the activities of Mrs. Christie's HSNJRF</i>  <b>REPORT on CNJG's recent Coastal Communities Site Visit Tour of Sandy Impacted Communities</b>  The Fund for New Jersey  Verizon New Jersey  Union Foundation
March 11	Terrence Brody Eric Daleo  Elaine Katz ( <i>moderator</i> ) Harold Garwin, Esq. Thomas G. Dallessio, AICP/PP	Executive Director, Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding <i>Update on the activities of the GORR office</i>  <b>Accessibility and Universal Design Issues related to our recovery</b>  Vice President of Grants & Special Initiatives, Kessler Foundation  President & Executive Director, Community Health Law Project  Project Manager, Center for Resilient Design, NJ Institute of Technology

March 18	<p>Leigh Gibson</p> <p>Nicky Sheats, Esq, PhD</p> <p>Ana Baptista</p> <p>Debbie Mans</p> <p>Debra Coyle</p>	<p><b>UPDATE on Environmental Issues in the Aftermath of Sandy (Part 2)</b></p> <p>Senior Program Officer, The Fund for New Jersey</p> <p>Thomas Edison State College, The Center for the Urban Environment; New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance</p> <p>Ironbound Community Corporation</p> <p>NY/NJ Baykeeper</p> <p>NJ Work Environment Council</p>
March 25	<p>Laurel Blatchford</p> <p>Michael Passante</p> <p>Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy</p>	<p><b>UPDATE from the members of President Obama’s Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force</b></p> <p>Executive Director, The President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force</p> <p>NJ State Director, The President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force</p> <p>Director, Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation, and Partnerships Director, The President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force</p>
<b>Series II</b>		
September 9	Michael Passante	<p>NJ State Director, The President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force</p> <p><i>Review of Final Recommendations from President Obama’s Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force</i></p>
September 16	<p>Cathy McCann</p> <p>Janet Sharma,</p> <p>Megan Wren</p> <p>Liz Murno</p>	<p><b>UPDATE on statewide progress of LTRG’s, along with individual county reports on current status, unmet needs, biggest challenges.</b></p> <p>President, NJVOAD</p> <p>Chair, Bergen LTRG</p> <p>Chair, Cumberland LTRG</p> <p>Chair, Monmouth LTRG</p>
September 23	<p>Joseph Della Fave</p> <p>Wesley Moore</p>	<p>Executive Director, Ironbound Community Corporation</p> <p><i>Update on Newark’s Ironbound neighborhood: housing, environmental issues, social services, displaced residents’ immigrant populations needs, etc.)</i></p> <p>Chair, Middlesex County Long Term Recovery Group</p> <p><i>Update on Middlesex</i></p>

September 30	Stacy Bonnaffons	Assistant Commissioner, NJ Department of Community Affairs <i>Update on the CDBG funding, RREM program, and other statewide recovery programs and activities</i>
October 7	Mark Mauriello Tim Dillingham Jeanne Herb Marjorie Kaplan, PhD	<b>WEBINAR – Environmental Update and Climate Change</b> Former Commissioner, NJ Department of Environmental Protection Executive Director, The American Littoral Society Associate Director, Environmental Analysis and Communications Group at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University Associate Director, Rutgers Climate Institute
October 21	Staci Berger Adam Gordon, Esq. Pete Kasabach Randy Solomon	<b>UPDATE on Housing and Planning Issues</b> Executive Director, Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey Staff Attorney, Fair Share Housing Center Executive Director, New Jersey Future Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey
October 28	Wendy Yallowitz Carolyn Beauchamp, MSW, ACSW Carol Chang	<b>UPDATE on Mental Health and Wellness in the Aftermath of Sandy</b> Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation President & CEO, Mental Health Association of New Jersey Senior Program Director, American Red Cross of Central New Jersey
November 4	Nina Stack Christopher Daggett Kim Frawley Kathy Durante Robert Ottenhoff Ronna Brown	<b>What Philanthropy Has Learned Thus Far: One Year After Sandy</b> President, Council of New Jersey Grantmakers President & CEO, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Co-leader, New Jersey Recovery Fund Grants Management Director, Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund Executive Director, OceanFirst Foundation President & CEO, The Center for Disaster Philanthropy President, Philanthropy New York