



City of Sea Isle City

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Subject: FEMA Jonas HMGP Grant Opportunity for Elevations

Dear Property Owner:

Sea Isle City, working directly with Ocean City, Avalon and Stone Harbor, is coordinating an effort to develop a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application for the elevation of residential properties in the NFIP Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The HMGP program provides 75% funding for eligible elevation projects. You are invited to participate in this opportunity, which is fully voluntary.

The first step to participate is to attend a meeting for interested property owners. Meetings are currently scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, March 25, 2017 – 10:00am: City Hall, 233 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Sea Isle City
- Saturday, April 1, 2017 – 10:00am: Ocean City Free Public Library, 1735 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City

Both meetings are open to residents of all participating towns

Interested property owners are requested to register for these meetings by going to the following website and completing the short registration form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JonasHMGP>

All information regarding this opportunity shall be maintained at the following website throughout the program: <http://www.capemaycountyhmp.com/Pages/2017-Jonas-Grant-Program.aspx>

Property owners who wish to participate in this program are required to provide the following (forms available on the Jonas Grant Program website noted above):

- Affidavit (notary required)*
- Notice of Voluntary Interest*
- FEMA Model Acknowledgement of Conditions (notary required)*
- FEMA Declaration and Release Form*
- Elevation Cost Estimate
- Four pictures of property taken from each side
- Proof of current flood insurance (if available)
- NFIP Elevation Certificate (if available)

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* The names and signatures of ALL owners on the current property deed required on this form.

At this meeting you will receive information regarding this grant opportunity and the required information to further develop the FEMA grant application.

Property owners need to be aware of the following conditions associated with this grant program:

- This is a reimbursement program, property owners will be responsible for covering costs and then applying for reimbursement once the project is completed. The County is currently working with several local lending institutions that may be able to provide “bridge loans” for mitigation projects.
- All property owners will be responsible for the 25% “local share” of their mitigation project.
- Preference for participation in this mitigation program will be given to Severe Repetitive Loss Properties (SRL) and Repetitive Loss properties (RL)
- Properties mitigated using Federal mitigation grant funding are required to maintain NFIP flood insurance on the property in perpetuity. This flood insurance requirement becomes part of the property deed.

For further information concerning this Elevation Opportunity please contact: Neil Byrne CFM at the Sea Isle City Construction Office 609-263-1166 or nbyrne@seaislecitynj.us

Sincerely



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Construction Official