



FEMA

FEMA CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY

FEMA's Direct Housing Assistance Extension for Hurricane Sandy Survivors in New Jersey Ends

August 29, 2014

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Direct Housing Program for survivors of Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey ends on August 31, 2014.

In March 2014, as part of the federal government's commitment to Hurricane Sandy survivors, FEMA granted the State of New Jersey a four-month extension for homeowners displaced by Hurricane Sandy to remain in FEMA-provided temporary housing. The extension allowed the remaining homeowners in FEMA temporary housing additional time to rebuild their homes or find an alternate permanent housing solution. At the peak, FEMA provided 204 households with direct housing assistance with almost all having already transitioned to more permanent housing.

FEMA's housing program is provided on a temporary basis for usually 18 months following a major disaster declaration. It is not designed to be a permanent housing option, but rather a bridge until other housing can be secured.

FEMA, the State of New Jersey and numerous voluntary agencies continue to work diligently with the few remaining occupants of FEMA-provided temporary housing units to assist them in finding a suitable housing solution.

FEMA is committed to working with the State of New Jersey in its ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall in October 2012. FEMA has provided more than \$420 million to households in New Jersey. In addition, FEMA has provided more than \$1 billion in funding to eligible state, local and nonprofit partners to support New Jersey.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

####