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FEMA HOUSING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

TRENTON N.J. — If you're looking for different living arrangements other than with family or friends, the Federal Emergency Management Agency may be able to pay for a temporary place for you to stay.

Even if you told FEMA earlier that you did not need housing, you can change your mind.

Visit a disaster recovery center or call the FEMA helpline at **800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585)** or 711/VRS to request FEMA housing assistance.

FEMA offers a housing locator online at <http://asd.fema.gov/inter/hportal/home.htm>.

Besides FEMA, other housing assistance programs are available to Hurricane Sandy survivors.

- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is providing low-interest disaster loans of up to \$200,000 for qualified homeowners to repair or replace damaged real estate. In addition, qualified renters and homeowners may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. For more information online: www.sba.gov/disaster.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is allowing local public housing agencies to increase their rent payment standard up to 120 percent of the published fair market rent, thereby giving low-income families more options in finding available housing. For more information visit: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>.

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