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NY Rising: resilience for our future

June 7, 2017

Applicant Name
Mailing Street
Mailing City, State, Zip
Application ID#: File Number

Re: NY Rising Housing Recovery Program – Payment Options
Damaged Property Address

Dear Applicant Name,

The NY Rising Housing Recovery Program (“the Program”) has recently implemented changes to its award calculation method in response to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) requirement. Estimated Cost of Repair awards **will no longer** be based solely on cost estimation. **Applicants must now provide evidence of all costs incurred. The final award amount for repairs/reconstruction and design fees must be adjusted to the actual cost incurred based on contract documents. This amount cannot exceed the Estimated Cost of Repair Award amount. Awards will ultimately be based on eligible incurred costs.** As an alternative, qualified **applicants can simplify these cost verification requirements by joining the NY Rising Construction Program.** Before you proceed with the Program-approved work, we strongly suggest that you speak to a Program representative and determine which of these courses of action would be preferable for you.

Under the new HUD requirements, your initial award estimate is based on an inspection and an independent estimate of the cost to repair or rebuild your home. This amount is then reduced by your Duplication of Benefits (DOB), which is the sum of any payments that you have received from other sources for the same purpose. The total funds you receive from NY Rising cannot exceed your project’s determined Award Cap.

If you choose to hire your own contractor and oversee the work yourself, you will first receive a payment of 50% of this estimated reconstruction/repair award, plus any reimbursement funds due to you for work you already completed (reimbursement costs do not need to be verified). Before you receive your interim payment (which will bring you to 75 percent of your total award disbursement), **you must provide contracts or other types of documentation (i.e., receipts) evidencing all costs which are being incurred for repairs/reconstruction, optional measures you have been approved to undertake, and design costs related to this work.** Consequently, **your total award amount will be adjusted** to reflect either the initial repair award estimate or the actual costs incurred, whichever is less.

The final payment for the remaining, adjusted amount will be made when you finish your work, submit all of your required Program documents and receive a final inspection showing that your project has been completed in accordance with Program guidelines.

As an alternative, qualified applicants are encouraged to participate in NY Rising's Construction Program. At **no additional cost to you**, the Construction Program will **simplify the repair process by designating a contractor and paying them directly, while coordinating with you from project initiation to completion of construction**. This voluntary program matches qualified construction contractors with Program applicants for the purpose of completing their repair scope of work. The **Construction Team will pay contractors directly for the work performed** in accordance with the agreed upon scope of work, estimated budget, and established timeline. The Construction Program is not open to applicants with optional elevation and/or bulkhead awards.

Please contact the Program Call Center at 844-9NY-RISING (844-969-7474) within 30 days to discuss these options in more detail and to determine which option is preferable for you. You will not receive your first disbursement of funds until you contact us.

Sincerely,

NY Rising Customer Representative Team