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Thank You all for joining this conference call today where we will briefly discuss the Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Program Notice of Funding Availability or NOFA and then take any questions you may have.

Intent of NOFA/Project

On November 6, 2015, the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery announced a Notice of Funding Availability through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program to seek Statements of Qualifications from eligible participants to provide program implementation and administrative services required in the implementation of the Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) Program.

It is the intent of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery to fund all implementation costs of the Program within the boundaries of the NYRCR Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Manhattan Beach and Sea Gate, East Bronx Waterfront, Gravesend and Bensonhurst, Idlewild Watershed, and Staten Island Planning Areas.

The overall purpose of the COAD Program is to:

1. Provide supplemental training to improve the capacity of non-profit organizations to provide critical services and support during disaster events, drawing together organizations in the community that are involved in emergency response and recovery services; and
2. Facilitate the creation of a recovery plan which will better prepare these organizations in the event of future disasters.

The goals of the COAD are:

- To identify the challenges that responding community based organizations faced post Superstorm Sandy;
- To coordinate resources among multiple community based organizations and/or government agencies to assist the impacted community in their recovery;
- To conduct an assessment of the services these organizations plan to provide in the face of future events;
- To identify service needs to be fulfilled by other partners; and
- To engage in cross-sector coalition building and engagement in a comprehensive training program which would address capacity gaps among COAD members and other members of the not-for-profit and civic communities.

Up to \$1,080,000 in funding is available to administer this program. Funding for this program will be derived under the State of New York's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG-DR funds are being made available through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, which is a program of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

It is expected that the administrators of the Program will leverage other funds and/or resources to implement the COAD Program. Respondents may apply to manage funds and implement the COAD Program for one NY Rising Community as described in Section 1.3 of the NOFA or all Communities. Respondents will note the community or communities they wish to serve by check the appropriate box or boxes on the Statement of Qualifications.

Funding allotments for each community are as follows:

- Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Manhattan Beach and Sea Gate: \$200,000
- East Bronx Waterfront: \$200,000
- Gravesend and Bensonhurst: \$200,000
- Idlewild Watershed: \$200,000
- Staten Island: \$280,000

Process/Timeline

The Notice of Funding Availability was released on November 6 and submissions are due by 6PM on December 1, 2015. A qualified non-profit or non-profits may be invited to interview with GOSR in

December and it is expected that an organization or organizations will be selected to implement the program in January 2016.

As a reminder, it is the responsibility of respondents to periodically review the GOSR website for regular updates to the NOFA timeline and other important information, which may alter the terms or requirements of these NOFAs.

The Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) Program NOFA can be found here:

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/sites/default/files/crp/community/documents/COAD%20Program-NOFA%20Program%20Implementation%20and%20Administration.pdf>