



NY Rising Housing Recovery Program

Optional Payments

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BULKHEADS

If your bulkhead is damaged, and you are doing either reimbursement or repair in the NY Rising Housing Recovery Program, please submit an engineer's estimate of the required repairs to your bulkhead to your Customer Representative. The Program will review your request to determine the feasibility of the project. Based on that scope of work the program will calculate the Estimated Cost of Repair (ECR) and confirm that the total award, including the cost of repair for the bulkhead, is less than the Program award cap. You may request a \$2,500.00 advance of the design fee to hire your engineer who will prepare the scope of work. Please note that acceptance of this fee will require you to sign a grant agreement that contains a requirement to maintain flood insurance on the property in perpetuity if it is located in a flood zone. That requirement will remain even if you do not proceed with the project, unless you return the \$2,500.00. An initial payment of 50% of the ECR amount plus the 10% design fee, (adjusted up or down after the \$2,500.00 advance fee is taken in consideration) will be made, with the remaining 50% of the ECR amount paid after the Program confirms the work was completed, and inspects the work.

OPTIONAL ELEVATION

If your dwelling is located in a 100 year floodplain, but did not receive substantial damage, you are not required to elevate. However, the NY Rising Housing Recovery Program may provide funding, subject to the maximum award cap, to help elevate your dwelling. If you are interested in pursuing optional elevations notify your Customer Representative. The Program will confirm that your dwelling is in the floodplain, that it is eligible for elevation and that the property is "feasible to elevate". If you have an Elevation Certificate, the award amount will be amended, otherwise the Program estimate is used. An Elevation Certificate is a form developed by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and used as an official record of the elevations of a building. The form must be completed by a professional engineer or land surveyor. The Program will confirm that the total award, including optional elevation costs, is less than the Program award cap. An initial payment of 50% of the ECR amount and the design fee, will be made with the remaining 50% of the ECR amount and the design fee paid after submission of a post-construction elevation certificate and confirmation by the Program that the work was completed.

OPTIONAL MITIGATION

If your dwelling is located in a floodplain you may be eligible to receive up to \$30,000 (subject to the program cap) for optional mitigation (resiliency) measures such as elevation of electrical systems or

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securing fuel tanks. The scope of resiliency measures will be determined by your Design Professional. These are the optional resiliency measures:

- Elevation of electrical systems and components
- Securing of fuel tanks
- Use of flood resistant building materials below base flood elevation (retrofits to be limited in scope to be cost effective)
- Installation of flood vents
- Installation of backflow valves
- Installation of roof strapping

You may request a \$2,500.00 advance of the design fee to hire your engineer who will prepare the scope of work. Based on that scope of work the program will calculate the Estimated Cost of Repair (ECR). Please note that acceptance of this fee will require you to sign a grant agreement that contains a requirement to maintain flood insurance in perpetuity on the property if it is located in a flood zone. That requirement will remain even if you do not proceed with the project, unless you return the \$2,500.00. The Program will confirm that the total award, including optional mitigation costs, is less than the Program award cap. An initial payment of 50% of the ECR amount plus the 10% design fee, (adjusted up or down after the \$2,500.00 advance fee is taken in consideration) of the ECR amount will be made the cost of the engineer's report will be made, with the remaining 50% of the ECR amount paid after the Program confirms the work was completed.

Ineligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Sandbags or other temporary barriers
- Generators or similar back-up power systems