



Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grants for Historic Properties

The National Park Service awarded Delaware \$1 million in special funds appropriated for the repair of historic properties that were damaged by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Sandy in October 2012. The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will award grants to eligible historic property owners for repairing storm damage.

The following provides a brief summary of the program, application and contact information. *Please thoroughly review the full [Program Guidelines](#) before applying for a grant.*

Eligibility and Program Summary:

- Only documented hurricane-related damage is eligible for grant assistance.
- Properties must be listed, or eligible for listing on the [National Register of Historic Places](#).
- Properties may be privately-owned, owned by a local government or state-owned.
- Properties used for religious purposes, owned by religious organizations, or owned by the federal government are not eligible for the program.
- Projects that have already been completed may be eligible, if they meet program requirements.
- Costs for the repair work must be at least \$5,000 (the minimum grant to be awarded).
- Repair work must be carried out in a manner that preserves the historical integrity of the property, consistent with the [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties](#), as approved by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.
- Depending on the amount of the grant award, certain federal and/or state contracting rules apply to these grants, governing hiring and performance of contractors.
- This is a reimbursement program; payments will typically be made at intervals during the course of the project.
- Grant recipients do not have to match the federal funds; grants may reimburse owners for up to 100% of approved project costs to repair the storm damage.
- All projects require a Preservation Covenant be placed on the property.
- Properties must be insured.

Applications:

- Applications may be submitted by mail, in person, or [electronically](#) (see Application Instructions and Form).
- Applications must be postmarked/submitted **by March 21, 2014**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
- Applicants will be notified of grant awards by **April 21, 2014**.

For more information, please contact:

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- Joan Larrivee, Architectural Historian (302-736-7406 or joan.larrivee@state.de.us)
- For National Register Questions, contact: Madeline Dunn, Historian (302-736-7417 or madeline.dunn@state.de.us)