Disaster Housing Recovery Plan

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**Background on Project:**
The events of Hurricane Katrina and the recovery from the storm have emphasized the importance to all US cities on the necessity of preparing a Housing Recovery Plan. Many of the traditional housing solutions i.e. FEMA trailers, will not work in an urban environment. More importantly, New York City has the highest density rates in the nation, the highest population, and the most severe housing crises in the nation. The City of New York must create a housing plan as large and encompassing as the City itself.

**Description of Project/Intern Responsibilities:**
The Disaster Housing Recovery Plan candidate will work with the Housing Plan Manager to:
- Assist with writing Operational sections of the Housing Plan
- Coordinate with Federal, State, and City government agencies, as well as NGO’s
- Assist in research on existing programs, past housing disasters, and best practices
- Aid in other planning and support roles to further the Housing Recovery Plan

**Requirements/special skills needed:**
Candidate must:
- Have strong writing skills (please submit writing sample)
- Have strong research skills
- Interest in emergency management, human services or housing
- Knowledge of housing, community building, insurance or sheltering a plus

To apply please send your résumé and cover letter to internships@oem.nyc.gov by February 16, 2007. Be sure to put the internship title in the subject line of the e-mail.