resilience by the numbers

Highlights from New York City’s Recovery One Year After Hurricane Sandy, Funded by National Emergency Grants

2,050 temporary workers hired

13.2 miles of beaches cleaned

15.3 million pounds of debris picked up

1.5 miles of concrete safety barrier primed and painted

5,708 young trees maintained

7,485 plants planted

125,204 cubic yards of displaced sand removed by hand

3,312 people provided temporary hotel shelter

700 nonprofit organizations assisted

Hurricane Sandy devastated New York City on October 29, 2012. New York City got immediately to work, starting to rebuild and recover.

While more work remains, the NYC Office of Human Capital Development (OHCD) salutes City agencies for putting to tremendous use over $33 million in National Emergency Grants (NEG) from the US Department of Labor. They include the NYC Departments for the Aging, Buildings, Homeless Services, Parks and Recreation, Sanitation, and Youth & Community Development; NYC Housing Authority; Mayor’s Office of Contract Services; and Mayor’s Office of Housing Recovery Operations. The NYC Department of Small Business Services teamed up with all the agencies to help recruit New Yorkers for NEG-supported jobs, expedite hiring, and administer the NEG funds. Many of the newly-hired workers either lost employment as a result of Sandy or were directly impacted by the storm. OHCD was privileged to help coordinate the City’s partnership with the state and federal government.

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