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 Case Prioritization Update – Reimbursement
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The following policy will be implemented effective immediately by the NYC Build It Back 1-4 Unit Program.

BUILD IT BACK UPDATE

Consistent with the recommendations outlined in “One City, Rebuilding Together” and the City of New York’s commitment to expediting relief to homeowners impacted by Hurricane Sandy, Build it Back will now be processing applicants for Reimbursement assistance regardless of income level or Program priority status. Applications for reimbursement will be subject to Build it Back policy, outlined below.

The following table summarizes how Build it Back is prioritizing the distribution of program funds:

Program Case Prioritization

Property Income	Level of Property Damage	Program Benefit Provided
Priority 1		
All Income Levels	Destroyed or Infeasible to Repair	Rebuild
All Income Levels	Repairs Completed	Reimbursement
0-80% AMI	Repair of Damage is Feasible	Repair
0-80% AMI	Repair of Damage is Feasible	Repair and Elevate
Priority 2		
80-165% AMI	Repair of Damage is Feasible	Repair
80-165% AMI	Repair of Damage is Feasible	Repair and Elevate
Priority 3		
165% AMI and above	Repair of Damage is Feasible	Repair
165% AMI and above	Repair of Damage is Feasible	Repair and Elevate

The following language modifies and supersedes [NYC Build it Back Applicant Guidebook, Sec. 9.3](#), effective March 28, 2014.

Build it Back will reimburse Program-eligible applicants in the 1-4 unit Program who used personal funds to repair Hurricane Sandy damage to their homes or to rebuild their Sandy-destroyed homes. The amount an applicant may be eligible to be reimbursed is determined on a case-by-case basis, but is generally equivalent to 60 percent of out-of-pocket expenses that

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were expended on eligible repairs or repair-related expenses over and above the funds already received from other sources that were intended for home repair or rebuilding. This percentage is due to funding limitations and may be revised by the Program at a later date.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement, the applicant must have incurred eligible expenses before October 29, 2013, or the date of the Program's damage inspection, whichever is earlier. The Program defines "incurred" as having spent funds or being under contract to spend funds in the future.

Reimbursement payments will be made regardless of property income or owner income. In order to be eligible for this round of reimbursement payments, the following criteria must be met:

- The property must be owner-occupied.
- The property must not have any uncorrectable environmental deficiency, including uncleared lead hazards, which would prevent the use of federal funds for reimbursement.
- If the property was substantially damaged or substantially improved, it must have been properly elevated.
- If the property was rebuilt, all construction must be complete, the property must have been properly elevated and it must have been issued a Certificate of Occupancy by the NYC Department of Buildings.
- The property must not be receiving Elevation, Rebuild or Relocation assistance from the Program.
- The property must not be receiving Acquisition for Redevelopment or Buyout assistance from New York State.

Note: This Program update will also apply to individual condominium and cooperative applicants, which may include applicants that reside within structures containing more than 5 units and are therefore part of the Multi-family program.