

# Stockton to Host Public Hearing on State Plan to Spend \$1.46 Billion on Sandy Recovery

Event on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Performing Arts Center

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**(609) 652-4593** hearing at Stockton is the first of three statewide, and will be held in the Performing Arts Center on the college's main Galloway campus from 4 - 7 p.m.

**Galloway Township, NJ-** The public is invited to a hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014 at the Performing Arts Center on the college's main Galloway campus from 4 - 7 p.m. The hearing is the second round of public hearings on the state's plan to spend \$1.46 billion on Sandy recovery. The plan is the second round of federal funds allocated to New Jersey for Sandy recovery. \$1.83 billion of Community Disaster Block Grant (CDBG) funds was awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) last April. The state said it will use the funds to prioritize funding in the nine counties most impacted as determined by HUD: Atlantic, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth and Union.

The plan proposes to spend \$735 million on housing assistance programs, with \$435 million that going to low-to-moderate-income families. Another \$535 million would go to infrastructure programs such as providing reliable power to critical public facilities including hospitals, schools and wastewater treatment plants; and to provide flood protection for high-risk areas.

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CDBG Disaster Recovery funds are intended to support local rebuilding efforts after private insurance, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), or other available sources of funds have been applied, the state said.

At Stockton, Spanish-language translators, sign language interpreters and other services will be provided by the state to make the event accessible to more members of the public. State officials and representatives of federal agencies are expected to attend and provide additional information.

The other two public hearings will be held at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Essex County on Feb. 12 and at Brookdale Community College in Monmouth County on Feb. 13.