

New York Sea Grant has helped the marina industry obtain \$10 million in post-Sandy recovery grants, and continues to help this important sector of NY's economy.



Marinas' Recovery from Sandy Continues

The New York marina industry is still struggling with the impacts of Superstorm Sandy and requires assistance in obtaining the resources needed to recover from this devastating event.

Through 2016, New York Sea Grant (NYSG) has helped NY's marinas obtain more than \$10 million in Sandy grants to rebuild and repair their facilities post-Sandy, but these funds did not cover the loss of income these businesses suffered as a result of the storm. Many marinas did not realize they were eligible for funding from NOAA's Superstorm Sandy Fisheries Disaster Relief Grant program to offset revenue losses.

NYSG Continues to Respond

NYSG has worked with regional industry associations, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery to increase awareness of the Fisheries Disaster Relief Grant program and encourage participation by marinas.

NYSG developed information on the program, how it applied to marinas, eligibility requirements, and the application procedures, and disseminated this information to marinas through educational programs, association meetings, and individual business consultations.

NYSG educational efforts to increase awareness of the funding program encouraged participation by marinas. According to New York State figures, 45 marinas applied to the program and were allocated a total of \$947,000 or 63 percent of the available funding. While the program was open to all recreational fisheries businesses, marinas accounted for the majority of applicants in this sector in NY.

NYSG continues to work in conjunction with industry and state partners to help the marina industry obtain resources needed to recover from the impacts of Sandy.



Marinas experienced business revenue losses as well as physical damages as a result of Superstorm Sandy. Photos: J. Tanski

Partners:

- Association of Marine Industries
- Governor's Office of Storm Recovery
- New York Marine Trades Association
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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