



NYS Homes and Community Renewal 2019 Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Flood Relief and Recovery Program

Governor Cuomo previously committed more than \$100 million to rebuild communities along the Lake Ontario shoreline that were devastated by flooding in 2017. NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) administered the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Flood Relief and Recovery Program to assist with homeowner recovery efforts. The Governor has earmarked up to \$20 million to expand the program to assist homeowners impacted by Lake Ontario flooding in 2019.

Applications will be available on October 1, 2019 and must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2019. Applications may be submitted in person to the local not-for-profit organization administering the program, no later than 4:00 pm on October 31, 2019.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Applications will be accepted beginning October 1, 2019 and ending at 4:00 pm October 31, 2019.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Homeowners can apply for assistance through a network of not-for-profit organizations responsible for administering the program in their local areas. Applications will be available beginning October 1, 2019 on each organization's website. They will also be available for download from NYS Homes & Community Renewal's website at <https://hcr.ny.gov>.

Homeowners are encouraged to gather supporting documentation to prepare to apply. This may include evidence of ownership, photographs of damage and insurance information.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS READY?

Homeowners should submit applications even if they are awaiting supporting documentation. We understand that estimates and other documentation may not be immediately available. It is important to meet the October 31, 2019 deadline for submitting your application.

WHAT TYPE OF SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Homeowners who sustained damage to their primary residence may be eligible for grants of up to \$50,000 to cover repair costs related to flood damage sustained in 2019. The amount of the grant will be based on the actual cost of repairs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT?

Homeowners residing in Cayuga, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Oswego, Jefferson, St. Lawrence and Wayne Counties that sustained direct physical flood-related damage, or experienced significant shoreline damage that threatens the safety of the home or its infrastructure are eligible to apply. The program is open to all owners of primary residences. Applicants that seek to address damage caused to their residential structure will be prioritized for awards.

WHAT IS THE COVERAGE PERIOD FOR THE PROGRAM?

Eligible applicants must have incurred physical flood-related damage between January 1, 2019 and September 30, 2019.

I RECEIVED A GRANT FOR 2017 DAMAGE AND HAVE ADDITIONAL DAMAGE THIS YEAR. CAN I APPLY?

Homeowners who received grants under the 2017 Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Flood Relief and Recovery Program may be eligible for a grant if additional damage was sustained in the 2019 coverage period.