



## **For Immediate Release**

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## **STATE TO HELP CAPE MAY RESIDENTS WITH ELEVATION OF HOMES**

The City of Cape May is advising local property owners to attend an informational meeting with New Jersey Department of Community Affairs representatives in the coming week to learn about and apply for a reimbursement grant up to \$30,000 for elevating their homes to meet the requirements of the new flood insurance risk maps. This Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Elevation Program will disperse grant monies to homeowners after the Department of Community Affairs and Federal Emergency Management Agency have approved an application and the elevation has been completed.

Cape May County single-family structures in the 100-year floodplain are eligible for this program, and, at the time of Superstorm Sandy, the residence must have been owned and occupied by the applicant as the applicant's primary residence. The HMGP Elevation Program does not have an income cap and applicants are not required to have applied already for FEMA assistance. The home need not be damaged by Superstorm Sandy. The property owner must not have started any elevation work prior to the filing and approval of an application for this grant. However, repairs made to the home not related to elevating the premises are not a reason for disqualification.

Residential primary homeowners are encouraged to participate in one of the following three countywide informational meetings during the coming week:

Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:00 pm: Lower Township Town Hall, 2600 Bayshore Road.

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:00 pm: Ocean City Free Public Library, 1735 Simpson Avenue.

Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 6:00 pm: Avalon Community Hall, 3001 Avalon Avenue,