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The New Jersey Division of Disability Services would like to provide you with the enclosed brochure for the Sandy Relief Home Access Program, formerly the Sandy Relief Modular Ramp Program, which is funded through a post- Sandy Social Services Block Grant.

By expanding the program, the Division can now offer additional accessibility options to individuals where a ramp is not possible. For eligible residents, modular ramps will continue to be the first course of action and a vertical platform lift only will be considered if a ramp is not a safe and/or feasible option.

The requirements remain the same. Applicants must:

- Reside in New Jersey.
- Have a permanent physical disability that requires home accessibility.
- Provide proof that they sustained a loss as a result of damage from Superstorm Sandy.
- Demonstrate that all other funding sources are unavailable and/or have been exhausted.

Please feel free to share this brochure with colleagues and/or potential applicants who you feel may benefit from this program. Anyone interested in applying to the Sandy Relief Home Access Program, should call DDS at 1-888-285-3036 to request an application. If you need additional brochures or would like to have someone from our office speak to your agency, please do not hesitate to contact me at 609-631-2495.

Thank you.

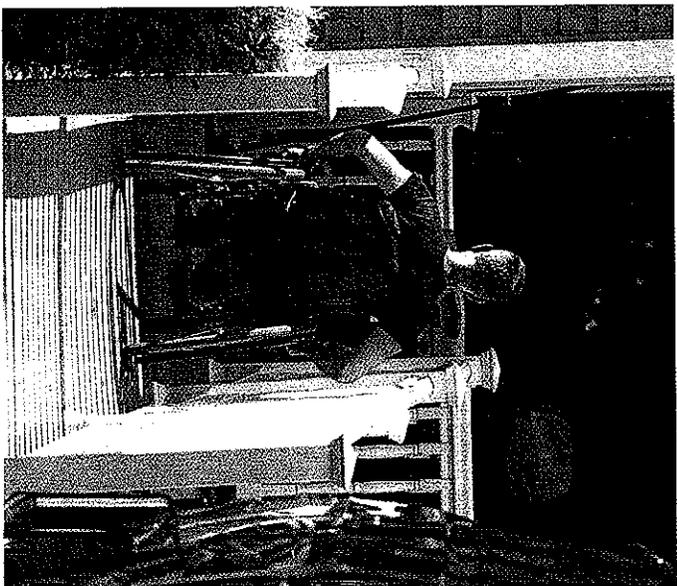
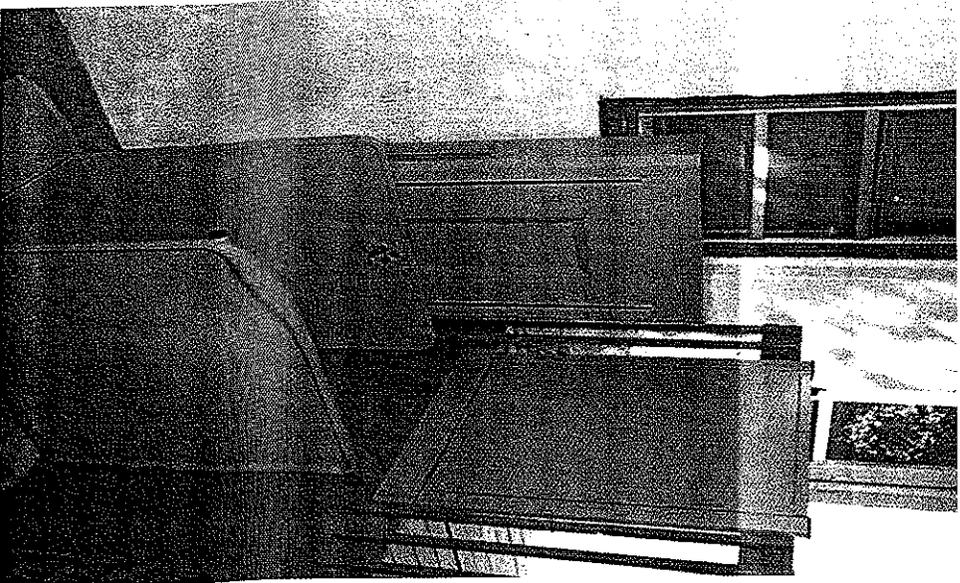
Sincerely,

Erica L. Larsen  
Program Manager

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## VERTICAL PLATFORM LIFTS:

- Will have a flood sensor mechanism to stop the function of the lift in the event of flooding.
- Will have pumps and controllers located above the Base Flood Elevation, where possible.
- Are made of corrosion resistant material.
- Will have a manual and/or battery back-up in the event of a power failure.



**FOR AN APPLICATION OR  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Sandy Relief  
Home Access Program

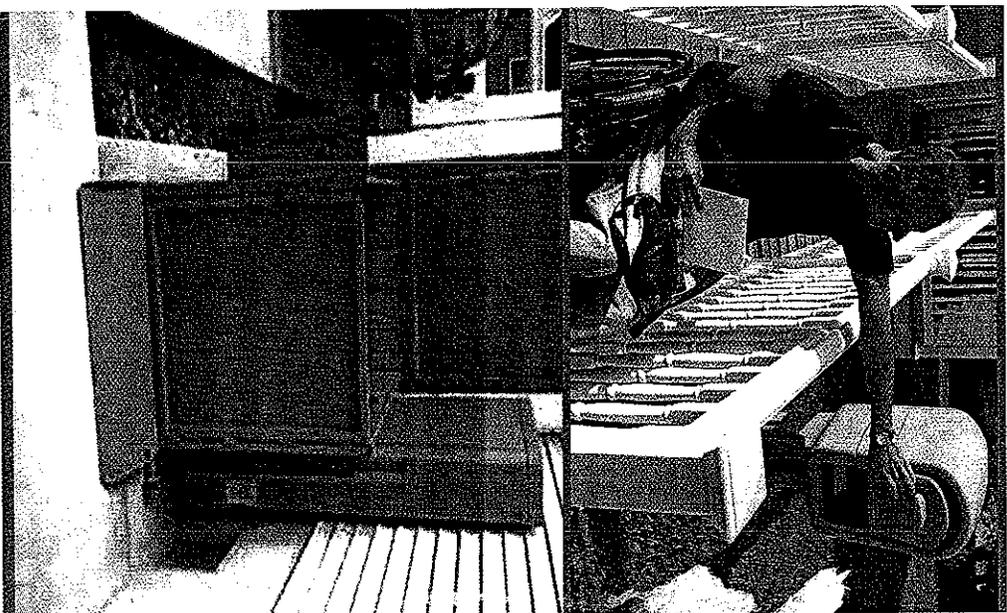
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## Sandy Relief Home Access Program

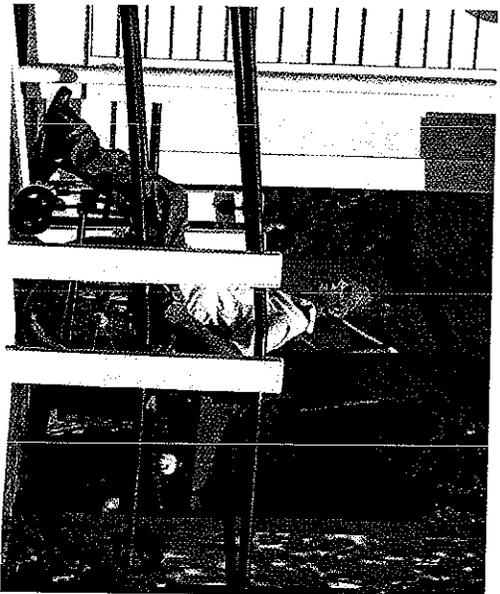


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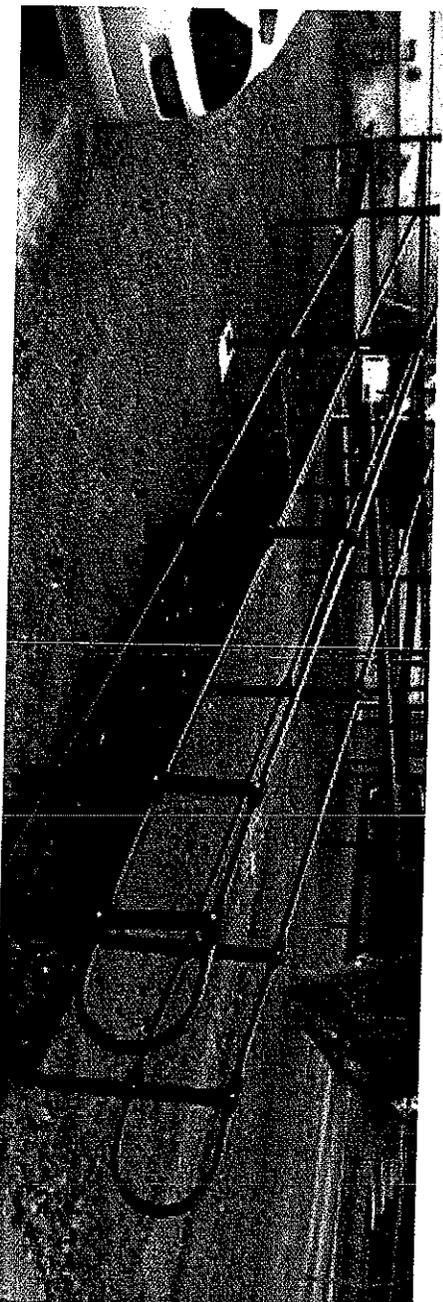
## SANDY RELIEF HOME ACCESS PROGRAM

**The Sandy Relief Home Access Program** is administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Disability Services. It provides home accessibility to eligible applicants. The accessibility options include modular ramps (aluminum, steel or wood), with stair glides or vertical platform lifts available in situations for which ramps are not deemed feasible.



Applicants must provide proof of loss, damage or demonstrate need, as a result of Superstorm Sandy and present medical certification confirming the presence of a permanent physical disability that requires a home to be accessible.

Individuals interested in applying for the Sandy Relief Home Access Program can call the Division of Disability Services (DDS) at 1-888-285-3036. Applications will be accepted and considered until funding is exhausted.



### PROGRAM SCOPE

Funding is available for accessibility modifications for individuals with physical disabilities whose primary residence has been impacted by Sandy.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants may be eligible if they:

- Reside in New Jersey.
- Have a permanent physical disability that requires home accessibility. Physician certification of disability and need is required.
- Show proof of home ownership or have written permission from landlord.
- Provide proof of loss as a result of damage from Superstorm Sandy.
- Demonstrate that all other sources of payment (e.g., Insurance, FEMA) are unavailable or exhausted.
- Had an existing ramp/vertical platform lift that was damaged and needs to be repaired/replaced.

- Had an existing ramp that is no longer useful due to home being elevated to comply with new building codes.
- Have had to relocate, even temporarily, and the temporary home needs to be made accessible (ramps only).
- Require a vertical platform lift and it is the only safe and feasible option when a ramp/stair glide is not possible.

### MODULAR RAMP DESIGN:

- Modular ramps have no permanent footings, making them easy to install, remove, and relocate as necessary.
- Ramps may be made of wood, aluminum, steel or fiberglass.
- Design options are customized for each home and the needs of each applicant.

