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Via Email

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Re: "opra+request-9290-9ddc45c3@requests.opramachine.com"

Dear Mary Lisa:

Please find enclosed the response from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Sandy Recovery Division ("Division"), to your above referenced Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request. First, please accept the Division's apologies regarding the slight delay in responding.

As a compliance manager within the Division, I assist with production related to OPRA. As such, I have included my certification as to the accuracy and completeness of this production.

Please see the Division's responses in bold, to your enumerated requests, below:

1. I am requesting records relating to the RREM grant program.
 - a. Specifically I am interested in how many people were in the program at the time the Sandy Bill forbearance bill passed in February 2017;
 - 1a) Please see the attached report listing all funded RREM applicants as of February 10, 2017. Please note, this includes applicants in various stages in the program (i.e. pre-construction applicants, construction, construction complete, DCA closeout, etc.).**
 - b. And how many of the grant applicants received a certificate of forbearance from the DCA at that time and how many certificates of forbearance remain in place today.
 - 1b) At the time of passage of the Sandy Forbearance Program legislation, the application process was not yet in place; therefore, there were no certificates of forbearance, i.e., no responsive documents to your request.**

For further background, the Division's RREM Program is separate from the Sandy Forbearance Program. The Division has not required applicants to alert the Division of their participation in the Sandy Forbearance Program; accordingly the Division is unable to cross-reference these applicants and there are no responsive documents to this specific request.

2. Also, I am requesting any and all SIROMS system reports as it relates to the above request.



As referenced in the above response, the Division does not track the RREM applicants that are also participants in the Sandy Forbearance Program; accordingly, there are no responsive documents to this specific request.

3. I am interested in finding out if some potential grant recipients lost their forbearance because of a court order or a bankruptcy or some other circumstance and how many certificates of forbearance were removed because the recipient received a Certificate of Occupancy from the RREM Grant being completed versus the RREM grant going unused.

Since the Division does not track these metrics for RREM Program applicants, there are no responsive documents to your request.

4. Additionally I am requesting any SIROMS quarterly reports and monthly summary reports for the same time frame (roughly 2017 to 2020).

Since the Division does not track these metrics for RREM Program applicants, there are no responsive documents to your request.

5. Finally, I am interested in any New Jersey Treasury Office of Oversight reports that have not been published on their website (last report from Navigant was in 2016).

Please see the link to the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Integrity Oversight Monitor Information, with the latest Navigant report with a posting date of January 2018:
<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/news-sandy.shtml>.

Please contact the New Jersey Treasury if you would like to request additional records:
<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/administration/pdf/opra-records-request-form.pdf>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neda Hartman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neda Hartman

Enclosures