

Note to the Coalitions**SUPERSTORM SANDY APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE
H.R. 152
113TH CONGRESS**

The House is considering supplemental appropriations of up to \$50.7 billion to provide disaster assistance in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, which hit the U.S. at the end of October 2012. The Northeast-Midwest Institute has put together a summary of the bill and amendments proposed, and where the funds are appropriated.

Superstorm Sandy hit along the Atlantic Coast and came into the Great Lakes region over multiple days at the end of October. In response, the U.S. Senate voted to appropriate \$60 billion on December 28, 2012 at the end of the 112th Congress. The House did not vote on the package in the 112th Congress. On January 4, 2013, the House and the Senate voted to provide \$9.7 billion to the National Flood Insurance Program for Superstorm Sandy relief. As part of a second phase of emergency disaster appropriations, the House is considering H.R. 152, the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.

Rep. Rogers (R-KY), chair of the House Appropriations Committee, has offered a full substitute amendment that appropriates \$17 billion for disaster relief. Of the 95 amendments offered to the bill, only 13 will possibly be voted on by the House. There are two main amendments: one, offered by Rep. Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), to increase the total amount in the Rogers Amendment by \$33.7 billion, bringing the total to \$50.7 billion; and one to offset the \$17 billion in the Rogers Amendment by requiring a 1.63% cut across all discretionary spending accounts. The rest of the amendments adjust the total amounts appropriated in the Frelinghuysen amendment. All funding included is required to be “related to the consequences of Hurricane Sandy”, except for the funding provided to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A side-by-side comparison of the Rogers and Frelinghuysen amendments is below.

Amendments that may be voted on:

- Mulvaney (R-SC): requires a 1.63% cut to discretionary programs to offset \$17 billion in spending [amendment to the Rogers language]
- Benishek (R-MI): restores the requirement for non-federal matches for Historic Preservation Grants from the National Park Service received through this bill
- Bishop (R-UT): prohibits the Secretaries of Interior or Agriculture from acquiring federal land using funding in this bill
- Broun (R-GA): strikes \$13 million in funding to accelerate NOAA’s National Weather Service ground readiness project
- Campbell (R-CA) and Blumenauer (D-OR): clarifies that the U.S. ACOE’s responsibility to construct projects at full Federal expense only applies to the funds appropriated in this bill
- Duncan (R-SC): strikes \$1 million in funding for the Legal Services Foundation
- Flores (R-TX): strikes \$150 million in funding for NOAA’s Regional Ocean Partnerships
- Fleming (R-LA): decreases funding for the U.S. FWS by \$9.8 million and prohibits rebuilding seawalls or buildings on islands in the Steward McKinney National Wildlife Refuge in Connecticut
- Huelskamp (R-KS): requires FEMA to disclose all disaster relief grants [language currently requires disclosure for grants of \$1 million or more]
- Runyan (R-NJ): clarifies that appropriations included in the bill for fisheries can only be used by states hit by Hurricane Sandy and suffered a fisheries disaster
- Velazquez (D-NY): increases the Community Development fund by \$25 million; offset provided by decreasing by \$12.5 million:
 - The administrative expenses for the Disaster Loans Program Account of the Small Business Administration (currently \$310 million); and
 - The funding for Amtrak (currently \$118 million)
- Velazquez (D-NY): increases funding for the National Cemetery Administration by \$1 million to repair veterans’ cemeteries

Programs	Rogers Amdt.	Frelinghuysen Amdt.	Required to be related to Hurricane Sandy?
USDA			
Commodity Assistance Program	\$6 million		X
Emergency Conservation Program		\$218 million	X
Forest Service		\$4.4 million	X
U.S. ACOE			
Study on flood risks	\$20 million	\$50 million	X
Repair projects under construction	\$9 million		X
Dredging/Repair maintenance	\$742 million	\$821 million	X
Emergency Operations	\$582 million		X
Construction		\$3.46 billion	X
Preparation for flood, hurricane, and other natural disasters		\$1 billion	X
Small Business Administration			
Grants for recovery, response, and long term resiliency	\$10 million	\$10 million	X
Direct Loans	\$100 million	\$520 million	X
Administrative/Loans/Grants	\$50 million		X
Inspector General	\$1 million	\$5 million	X
Dept. of Homeland Security			
U.S. Coast Guard	\$144 million	\$130 million	X
FEMA	\$5.4 billion	\$11.5 billion	
Disaster Assistance Direct Loans		\$300 million	
Science and Technology	\$585 million		X
Domestic Nuclear Detection Office	\$3.9 million		X
Additional Homeland Security Funding		\$2.9 million	X
Dept. of Interior			
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	\$50 million	\$28 million	X
National Park Service	\$234 million	\$164 million	X
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement - Oil spill research	\$3 million		X
Park, Refuge, Federal asset repair and resiliency		\$360 million	X
Dept. of Health and Human Services			
Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund	\$100 million	\$800 million	X
Dept. of Defense			
Army National Guard	\$24.2 million	\$3.2 million	X
Veterans' Affairs	\$765 million		X
Additional Defense Agency Funding		\$85.2 million	X
Dept. of Transportation			
Amtrak	\$32 million	\$86 million	X
Federal Aviation Admin.	\$14.6 million	\$30 million	X
Public Transit Systems	\$5.4 billion	\$10.9 billion	X
Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Fund	\$3.85 billion	\$16 billion	*X*
Federal Highway Administration		\$2 billion	X
Commerce, Justice, Science			
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration		\$476 million	X
Department of Justice		\$21.25 million	X
National Aeronautics and Space Administration		\$15 million	X
Legal Services Corporation		\$1 million	X
General Services Administration			
Federal Buildings Fund		\$7 million	X
Environmental Protection Agency			
Environmental Programs and Management		\$0.7 million	X
Superfund		\$2 million	X
Leaking Underground Storage		\$5 million	X
State and Tribal Assistance Grants (State Revolving Funds/Capitalization Grants)		\$600 million	X
Smithsonian Institution			
Salaries and Expenses		\$2 million	X
Dept. of Labor			
Dislocated workers assistance		\$25 million	X
Hurricane Sandy and other events allowed			

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