



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Parker Announces \$27.7 Million in Federal Disaster Aid to Communities Hurt by Hurricane Sandy

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(Brooklyn, NY) In the wake of Hurricane Sandy and the recent devastation which has plagued New York State, Senator Parker is pleased to announce that New York State has received \$27.7 million in Disaster National Emergency Grant funds. This grant will be used to hire workers to help clean up communities affected by Hurricane Sandy in Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties.

“Since the devastation and hard times inflicted on our state by Hurricane Sandy last month, many constituents and businesses are still struggling to recover,” Senator Parker said. “This aid will help begin putting these New Yorkers back to work and rebuilding our wounded infrastructure.”

Many communities throughout New York State were devastated by the destruction that Hurricane Sandy caused, leaving many still without water, power, or food, and especially those connected to the Rockaway Peninsula or Brooklyn and Queens. Workers who lost their jobs as a direct result of Hurricane Sandy or workers who were unemployed prior to the storm are eligible to apply for temporary but vital positions. To apply by phone contact the Department of Labor at: 1-888-4-NYSDOL (1-888-469-7365). To apply online fill out and submit the online registration form, <https://www.labor.ny.gov/secure/neg/2012-hurricane-sandy-form.asp> or apply in person at any local Disaster Recovery Center or One-Stop Career Center.

“I commend Governor Cuomo for his leadership in obtaining this much needed funding. I am also very thankful to all of the first responders who spent the last month helping their friends, family, neighbors and those less fortunate help cope with this disaster,” Senator Parker concluded. “Working together is the only way we all can rebuild and ensure all New Yorkers have a happy and hopeful holiday season.”

**About Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse community that consists of 311,000 constituents in Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington and Borough Park. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, former Majority Whip and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.

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