

Paying for Sandy and Future Storms

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On Friday, President Obama [asked](#) Congress for \$ [60.4 billion](#) in Sandy aid for New York, New Jersey and other states. Nearly \$48 billion of it would go to relief, while the rest would be used for mitigation of future storms. To further help recovery efforts, two U.S. senators have also [proposed billions in tax breaks](#), a plan modeled after a Katrina bill. Meanwhile, a relief fund set up by Gov. Cuomo has been [criticized](#) for the political nature of the board that oversees the money it raises. Many members were involved in fundraising for the governor's election campaign. In related news, a number of the area's non-Sandy related charities have seen a [drop in donations](#) since the storm hit.

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