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It wasn’t too long ago that disaster aid was a political issue, in fact it was about a year ago… House majority leader Eric Cantor led a movement to hold up funding for FEMA until Democrats cut spending elsewhere.

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Well, there’s nobody talking that way now. More after this from Charlie:

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The damage estimates come from the East Coast are huge. I’ve heard 20 and 30 billion. Obviously no one really knows.

But it’s clearly beyond what a state like New Jersey could handle alone… Gov Christie still seemed shocked when he talked to NBC’s Brian Williams about the Jersey Shore:



That’s why he asked and quickly received a federal disaster declaration – and here’s what he declaration for New Jersey says:

FEMA will provide Rental payments for temporary housing for up to three months if your home is uninhabitable.

Unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for workers who temporarily lose jobs.

Low-interest loans up to $200,000 for homes -- and for businesses up to two million to pay for damages, or maintain your cash flow until the customers can come back.

That could be a lot of money. But the governor made it clear that he doesn’t expect the aid to end there:

Because he wants to rebuild in a way that insures this never happens again:

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And note -- that the only question is HOW, not IF. TOF.