
Subject: Obama Sandy aid bill filled with holiday goodies unrelated to storm damage

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President Obama's \$60.4 billion request for Hurricane Sandy relief has morphed into a huge Christmas stocking of goodies for federal agencies and even the state of Alaska, The Post has learned.

The pork-barrel feast includes more than \$8 million to buy cars and equipment for the Homeland Security and Justice departments. It also includes a whopping \$150 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to dole out to fisheries in Alaska and \$2 million for the Smithsonian Institution to repair museum roofs in DC.

An eye-popping \$13 billion would go to "mitigation" projects to prepare for future storms.

Other big-ticket items in the bill include \$207 million for the VA Manhattan Medical Center; \$41 million to fix up eight military bases along the storm's path, including Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; \$4 million for repairs at Kennedy Space Center in Florida; \$3.3 million for the Plum Island Animal Disease Center and \$1.1 million to repair national cemeteries.

Budget watchdogs have dubbed the 94-page emergency-spending bill "Sandy Scam."

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