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By ERIC HERMAN, PAUL H.B. SHIN and GREG GITTRICH
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITERS

Pssst. Have we got a real estate deal for you.

Anyone living near the World Trade Center site — or anyone about to move there — will be eligible to share \$220 million in federal aid to be used for rent, maintenance or mortgage payments, sources told the Daily News.

The cash assistance, designed to pay up to 30% of rent or mortgage bills for the next two years in the troubled area, will be doled out by the state-city agency overseeing the rebuilding of lower Manhattan, sources said.

The top grant is capped at \$12,000 over two years; the payment formula is based on how close you live to Ground Zero.

To qualify, applicants must agree to stay in the area for two years, sources said.

Unveiling details

An official announcement is expected today, but Madelyn Wils, a Lower Manhattan Development Corp. board member, confirmed that the money will be distributed through grants — not loans or tax relief.

"I couldn't be more delighted," said Julie Menin, president of Wall Street Rising, a coalition of investment banks, law firms, real estate companies and people who live in the disaster area. "This is vital to keep residents downtown and attract more people."

Since Sept. 11, thousands of people who live near Ground Zero have moved away. Those who remain suffer from crippled mass transit, environmental worries and cordoned-off streets around the disaster site.

Anyone who lived in Manhattan south of Canal St. on Sept. 11 will be eligible for a one-time bonus payment of \$1,000.

Sources said the size of the grants will vary depending on where the applicants live and the size of their rent or mortgage payments. Those living closer to Ground Zero will be eligible for more money.

The Lower Manhattan Development Corp. has defined the area south of Chambers St. and west of Broadway, including Bat-

tery Park City, as the "immediate impact zone," sources said.

People in the zone will be eligible to receive 30% of their rent or mortgage payments for the next two years, up to \$12,000 but no less than \$4,000.

Those who live outside that zone but south of Canal St. also will be eligible to receive 30% of their rent or mortgage payments for the next two years. Their grant will be between \$2,000 and \$6,000.

Details of the application process were unclear yesterday. The plan is subject to final approval by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development after a public comment period.

Taken from \$2B pot

Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said the money will come from \$2 billion in federal aid received by the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. in December. An additional \$300 million in grants will be distributed by the agency to help small businesses and nonprofits around the Trade Center site, he added.

The grants come on top of \$700 million in federal aid approved by the Bush administration this month to help small businesses and create jobs downtown.

In addition, the Red Cross, the Sept. 11 Fund and the Salvation Army have handed out about \$250 million to more than 50,000 businesses and displaced workers in the area.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) said the grants were "a good start," but weren't enough. Silver, who has often criticized the largely Gov. Pataki-appointed development corporation, called for the grant caps to be raised and the eligibility zone to be expanded.

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