

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE DISASTER RECOVERY ENHANCEMENT FUND (DREF)

Municipality of Maunabo

The Office of the Commissioner of Municipal Affairs (OCMA) is amending its Action Plan for the Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF) to modify activities for the Municipality of Maunabo.

All other sections of the plan will remain unchanged.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

According to federal regulations in, *Federal Register Vol. 74, No.29 Feb.2009*, notification to the public is required regarding changes that substantially amend an Action Plan. HUD is waiving the traditional requirement for citizen participation under CDBG as to allow the publication period for public comment to a minimum of 7 calendar days. Therefore, the proposed amendment will be posted in OCMA's official website during the 7-day comment period.

The announcement of this amendment will be published on **June 20th, 2017**. Thus, the period for comments will end on **June 26th, 2017**. Once comments are received, the final amendment will be published on OCMA's website along with a copy to HUD's San Juan Field Office. A copy of this amendment will be available on OCMA's website. Citizens can submit their comments by mail to the following address:

Oficina del Comisionado de Asuntos Municipales
Área de Programas Federales
PO Box 70167 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-8167

Comments shall be directed to Mr. Irvin Cortes, Deputy Commissioner.

CHANGES TO THE ACTION PLAN

On September 28th, 2010, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development notified the Government of Puerto Rico the availability of a \$12,000,000 award in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds. The award arose as part of a process to identify eligible activities under the Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF). The Government of Puerto Rico had already been awarded \$17,982,887.00 under Public Law (P.L.) 110-329 to address the long-term recovery needed tasks.

Therefore, in combination the two grants awarded amount to a total of \$29,982,887 under this appropriation to further meet the outstanding recovery needs of the State resulting from Tropical Storm Kyle.

The Municipality of Maunabo plans to cancel two (2) activities, one activity originally planned for the acquisition of housing and another activity for demolition. The new activity consolidates the funds from the cancelled activities into one mitigation activity.

The proposed activity will mitigate the potentiality of future damages from heavy rainfalls in La Garona community, as residential properties will be less prone to damage. Moreover, the project will serve as a mitigation measure for the community as a whole. No individual repairs on damaged properties will be performed.

The amount disbursed (\$73,178.00), will be returned by the Municipality of non-federal funds. The table below highlights the change in the activities of the Municipality of Maunabo:

Activity number	Existing Budget	Drawdowns	Net Transfer	New Budget
08-DREF-44-001	\$840,000	\$73,178.00	\$766,822.00	\$73,178.00
08-DREF-44-002	\$89,890.00	\$0.00	\$89,890.00	\$0.00
08-DREF-44-003	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$856,712.00	\$856,712.00