

# SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 DISASTER RECOVERY ACTION PLAN

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The Office of the Commissioner of Municipal Affairs (OCAM) is amending its Action Plan for the 2008 Disaster Recovery Program to modify activities for the Municipality of Ponce.

## **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 no less than 7 calendar days of public comment. The proposed amendment will be posted in OCAM's official website during the 7-day comment period.

## **CHANGES TO THE ACTION PLAN**

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was originally awarded \$17,982,887.00 under Public Law (P.L.) 110-329 to assist in addressing the long-term recovery impacts from the 2008 disasters. The State's Disaster Recovery Action Plan was approved by HUD on September 17, 2009.

The Municipality of Ponce requested OCAM a change in their proposed activities. The activities require a change in their scope and beneficiaries, due to adjustments that the municipality has to perform in their affordable rental housing activity.

The Municipality of Ponce plans to cancel three (3) activities, one activity originally planned for the construction of a retaining wall and two activities planned for street repavement and gutter construction. The new activity consolidates the funds from the cancelled activities into one repavement activity. These changes are product of allocating a portion of funds for the affordable rental housing activity. A new area located in Montenllanos Ward will receive assistance (Census Tract 072704, Block Group 2).

All other sections of the initial amendment remain unchanged.

The table below highlights the change in the Municipality's projects.

# CHANGES IN MUNICIPALITIES' ACTIVITIES

Activity Number: Name	Existing Budget	Net Transfer	New Budget
<b>MODIFIED ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Ponce- Infrastructure (08-DR-AB -71-004)	\$139,400.00	(\$400,000.00)	\$0.00
Ponce- Infrastructure (08-DR-AB-71-005)	\$18,000.00	(\$18,000.00)	\$0.00
Ponce- Infrastructure (08-DR-AB-71-006)	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00
<b>TRANSFER:</b>			
Ponce- Street Repavement Activity (08-DR-AB-71-008)	\$207,400.00	\$207,400.00	\$207,400.00