



**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
STATE CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
2020-2024 AND 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDoH), following the provisions of the Federal Laws related to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is in the process of preparing the State Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan 2020-2024 and the Action Plan for the year 2020. The Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan integrate the use of federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), "Home Investment Partnerships Program" (HOME), "Housing Trust Fund" (HTF), "Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and " Emergency Solutions Grant "(ESG) programs. These funds are used in projects and activities that mainly benefit low and moderate income residents of the non-entitlement municipalities (less than 50,000 inhabitants) and other special populations around the Island.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development notified the funds allocated for the Program year 2020, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 202 for the CDBG, ESG, HOPWA and HOME Programs. These funds are available to meet the needs of housing, community development, economic development, social services and public service, through the different programs, as follows:

<p>1. Block grant to the state - "Community Development Block Grant "(CDBG)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Puerto Rico Department of Housing</p> <p><u>Approximate amount:</u> \$23,869,547</p> <p><u>Activities:</u> Public works, public facilities, activities aimed at meeting housing needs, community development, infrastructure, public service and those that promote economic development.</p> <p><u>Beneficiaries:</u> Residents of the 51 "non-entitlement" municipalities.</p>	<p>3. Housing Opportunities for Persos with HIV or AIDS - "Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS "(HOPWA)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Department of Health, Central Office for AIDS and Transmissible Diseases (OCASET, for its Spanish acronym)</p> <p><u>Approximate amount:</u> \$2,203,742</p> <p><u>Activities:</u> Housing assistance and support services for persons with a positive diagnosis of HIV or AIDS and their families.</p> <p><u>Beneficiaries:</u> Residents under the geographic demarcation established by</p>
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	<p>HUD, "Puerto Rico Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area" (PR-EMSA) which includes the residents of the 78 municipalities of the Island.</p>
<p>2. Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Puerto Rico Department of the Family</p> <p><u>Approximate amount:</u> \$3,618,910</p> <p><u>Activities:</u> Outreach services to the homeless population, emergency shelter services, housing relocation and stabilization, prevention, HMIS "Homeless Management Information System" and administration.</p> <p><u>Beneficiaries:</u> persons who are homeless and at risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>4. Home Opportunities "Investment Partnerships Program" (HOME)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Puerto Rico Department of Housing</p> <p><u>Approximate amount:</u> \$13,333,944</p> <p><u>Activities:</u> Rehabilitation or new construction of housing for rent, direct assistance to the buyer, rehabilitation or new construction of housing by the owner and development of affordable housing through the participation of community housing development organizations (CHDO). The activity "Tenant-Based Rental Assistance" (TBRA) will be funded with funds from previous years, as available.</p> <p><u>Beneficiaries:</u> Residentes de los 78 municipios de Puerto Rico.</p> <p>5. Housing Opportunities "Housing Trust Fund (HTF)"</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Puerto Rico Department of Housing</p> <p><u>Approximate amount:</u> according to the availability of funds.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u> Rehabilitation or New Construction of Housing for Rent.</p> <p><u>Beneficiaries:</u> Residents of the 78 municipalities of Puerto Rico.</p>

The objective of these funds is the development of viable urban communities, providing adequate housing and facilities and expanding economic opportunities for persons with low and moderate incomes and other special populations. The participation of local government units, citizens, non-profit organizations, private civic entities and government agencies in the process of



identification of needs and development and implementation of the above-mentioned Plan will be encouraged. In order to discuss the aforementioned objective and obtain inputs on needs and priorities, mayors of municipalities, municipal officials, public agencies, non-profit organizations and the general public are invited to participate of the:

PUBLIC HEARING

DAY: Friday, March 6, 2020
HOUR: 8:00 a.m.
PLACE: Automobile Accident Compensation Administration (ACAA, for its Spanish acronym)

ADDRESS: Central Office
249 Arterial Hostos, Esquina Chardón
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918

In this Public Hearing, participants will be consulted on the method of distribution of funds for the aforementioned Programs. Interested persons must submit their presentations in writing during the Public Hearing or send them to the postal and email address indicated below. The place selected to carry out the hearing is one of easy access to persons with physical disabilities. In addition, interpreter service will be provided to persons with hearing impairments.

For additional information, you may call (787) 274-2527, extension 6526, online at <https://www.vivienda.pr.gov/cdbg-estado/> or by mail at:

**Department of Housing
Planning Secretariat (5th floor)
PO Box 21365
San Juan, PR 00928-1365**

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Comments related to the Public Hearings will not be accepted after **Monday, April 6, 2020**. This notice is published in accordance with Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 91-115.

The Consolidated State Plan 2020-2024 and the proposed Action Plan 2020, will be available for the review of government agencies, units of local government, citizens and interested persons from **Thursday, April 9 of 2020**, in the offices of the following agencies during working hours and on the Internet pages mentioned below:



- Department of Housing, CDBG Program: Barbosa Avenue # 606, Juan C. Cordero Building (4th Floor), Río Piedras, Puerto Rico. Website of the Department of Housing and Urban Development <https://www.vivienda.pr.gov/cdbg-estado/>
- Department of the Family (Assistant Secretary of Planning and Information Technology): Roosevelt Avenue, Roosevelt Plaza Building # 185, 1st Floor, Hato Rey. Website of the Department of the Family: www.familia.pr.gov
- Department of Health: Periferal Street # 1, in front of the Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Website of the Department of Health: www.salud.pr.gov
- Office of Federal Programs in the 51 “non-entitlement” municipalities of Puerto Rico.

Likewise, the **State Citizen Participation Plan** and the proposed amendments to this plan are available for public comments at the offices and Web pages indicated previously. The Citizen Participation Plan contains a description of the strategies and channels for citizen participation and entities interested in the consolidated planning processes for the use of the state assignments of the CDBG, ESG, HOME, HTF and HOPWA programs. Persons and entities interested in presenting comments to the Citizen Participation Plan, will have a period of fifteen (15) days from the publication of this notice, through the postal addresses and email indicated above.

Today, Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

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Approved by the State Elections Commission CEE-SA-2020-4649