



NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESSES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY, CDBG-CV ALLOCATION AND 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN /2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.115 and the flexibilities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (**CARES Act**), the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDoH) informs:

Amendments to the State Citizen Participation Plan

CARES Act allows PRDoH to adopt accelerated procedures to draft, propose or amend the consolidated plans for Program Years 2019 and 2020. These include notice and reasonable opportunity for comments for a period of not less than 5 days. Notifications will be made through www.vivienda.pr.gov. Public hearings will be virtual/telematics.

Virtual Public Hearing for CDBG-DV Allocation Purposes

CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Coronavirus Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds, of which the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$2 billion based on the CDBG formula for fiscal year 2020. Puerto Rico received **\$14,024,199** to be distributed to non-entitlement municipalities.

As of the date of this communication, the final regulations that will apply to these funds have not been published in the Federal Register. However, in line with the memorandum HUD posted on April 9, 2020 (<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CARES-Act-Flexibilities-CDBG-Funds-Used-Support-Coronavirus-Response.pdf>), PRDoH will conduct a virtual public hearing next Thursday, **May 21, 2020, at 10:00 am** to discuss the proposed activities and distribution method. Those interested in participating in the hearing will be able to connect through the **Teams** platform:

<https://bit.ly/2y0G9vA>

During the hearing, participants will have opportunities to comment on needs and barriers related to fair housing, as part of the Fair Housing Assessment.

Interpreter services will be provided to persons with hearing disabilities.

Submission of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY 2020 Action Plan

CARES Act provides an extension of time for jurisdictions to submit their consolidated plans and action plans for the 2020 program year, until August 16, 2021. PRDoH, however, expects to submit these plans on or before August 16, August 2020. Notice of Plan availability for comment will be at www.vivienda.pr.gov

For further information, please write to cdbg-municipal@vivienda.pr.gov.

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