GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
2021 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 Action Plan for the year 2021. 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.

As of the date of publication of this notice, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has not officially notified the funds allocated for the 2021 Program year, which ranges from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Therefore, for the purposes of consolidated planning processes, the allocation received in year 2020 is being used as a reference. 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:

1. Block grant to the state –
   Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

   Agency: Puerto Rico Department of Housing
   Approximate amount: $23,869,547
   Activities: Public works, public facilities, activities aimed at meeting housing needs, community development, infrastructure, public service and those that promote economic development.
   Beneficiaries: Residents of the 51 "non-entitlement" municipalities.

3. Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV or AIDS -
   Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

   Agency: Department of Health, Central Office for AIDS and Transmissible Diseases (OCASET, for its Spanish acronym)
   Approximate amount: $2,203,742
   Activities: Housing assistance and support services for persons with a positive diagnosis of HIV or AIDS and their families.
   Beneficiaries: Residents under the geographic demarcation established
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 input on needs and priorities, mayors of municipalities, municipal officials, public agencies, organizations with and without profit and the general public are invited to the Public Hearing in a Virtual/Telematics way.

The PRDoH will be conducting the Virtual/Telematics Public Hearing on Friday, March 5, 2021, at 9:00 am to discuss the proposed activities and distribution method for the aforementioned Programs. People interested in participating in the View will be able to connect through the Teams platform in the link that will then be notified to them.

Written comments will be accepted via email at the following address: cdbc-municipal@vivienda.pr.gov. Comments received after the designated period in this notice will not be considered.

Citizens, municipalities, and entities interested in providing comments related to the public hearing will have 30 calendar days from this publication. Comments will not be accepted after Monday, April 5, 2021. This notice is published in accordance with Title 24 of the Code of Federal Rules, Part 91-115.

It is also reported that the proposed Annual Action Plan 2021 is expected to be available for the review of government agencies, local government units, citizens and interested persons since Friday, April 9, 2021, via email on the internet pages mentioned below:

- PR Department of Housing, CDBG Program: Website Site [https://www.vivienda.pr.gov/cdbg-estado/](https://www.vivienda.pr.gov/cdbg-estado/)
- Department of the Family (Assistant Secretariat of Planning and Informatics), ESG Program: Website Site [www.familia.pr.gov](http://www.familia.pr.gov)
- Department of Health, HOPWA Program: Website Site [www.salud.pr.gov](http://www.salud.pr.gov)
- PR Housing Finance Authority, HOME and HTF Programs: Website Site [www.afy.pr.gov](http://www.afy.pr.gov)
- Office of Federal Programs of the 51 "non-entitlement" municipalities of Puerto Rico on its website.

Today, Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

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