



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

public notice

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
2022 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 2022. 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 2022 Program year, which ranges from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Therefore, for the purposes of consolidated planning processes, the allocation received in year 2021 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:

<p>1. Block grant to the state - "Community Development Block Grant" (CDBG)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Puerto Rico Department of Housing <u>Approximate amount:</u> \$23,780,802 <u>Activities:</u> Public works, public facilities, activities aimed at meeting housing needs, community development, infrastructure, public service and those that promote economic development. <u>Beneficiaries:</u> Residents of the 51 "non-entitlement" municipalities.</p>	<p>3. Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV or AIDS - "Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS" (HOPWA)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Puerto Rico Department of Health, Central Office for AIDS and Transmissible Diseases (OCASET, for its Spanish acronym), Central Office for AIDS and Transmissible Diseases (OCASET, for its Spanish acronym) <u>Approximate amount:</u> \$2,284,366 <u>Activities:</u> Housing assistance and support services for persons with a positive diagnosis of HIV or AIDS and their families. <u>Beneficiaries:</u> Residents under the geographic demarcation established by 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 <u>Approximate amount:</u> \$3,551,419 <u>Activities:</u> Outreach services to the homeless population, emergency shelter services, housing relocation and stabilization, prevention, HMIS "Homeless Management Information System" and administration. <u>Beneficiaries:</u> persons who are homeless and at risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>4. Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority <u>Approximate amount:</u> \$13,372,676 <u>Activities:</u> Rehabilitation or new construction of multifamily housing projects for rent or sale, 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. <u>Beneficiaries:</u> Residents of the 78 municipalities of Puerto Rico.</p> <p>5. Housing Trust Fund (HTF) <u>Agency:</u> Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority <u>Approximate amount:</u> \$3,202,552 <u>Activities:</u> Rehabilitation or New Construction of Housing for Rent. <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 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 Tuesday, **March 1, 2022, 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 <https://bit.ly/3uGk94m>.

Written comments will be accepted via email at the following address: cdbg-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 the celebration of the hearing. Comments will not be accepted after Thursday, **March 31, 2022**. 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 2022 is expected to be available for the review of government agencies, local government units, citizens and interested persons since Friday, **April 8, 2022**, via email on the internet pages mentioned below:

- PR Department of Housing, CDBG Program: Website Site <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
- Department of Health, HOPWA Program: Website Site www.salud.gov.pr
- PR Housing Finance Authority, HOME and HTF Programs: Website Site www.afv.pr.gov
- Office of Federal Programs of the 51 "non-entitlement" municipalities of Puerto Rico on its website.

Today, Friday, February 11, 2022.




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