

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 DISASTER RECOVERY ACTION PLAN (DR-08 & Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF))

The Office of the Commissioner of Municipal Affairs (OCMA) is amending its Action Plan for the 2008 Disaster Recovery Program, as follows:

- Modify the activities scheduled as part of the Disaster Recovery grant and their allocation by municipality;
- Modify Adjuntas' DR activities; and,
- Add a new activity for the Municipality of Adjuntas using part of DREF.

It is worth noting that all other sections of the plan, remain unchanged.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

According to the federal regulation stated on 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 and allows a publication with a minimum of 7 calendar days of public comment period. This final amendment will be posted in OCMA's official website along with a summary of citizen comments received within such period.

The announcement of this amendment will be published on May 31st, 2017. Thus, the period for comments will end on June 6th, 2017. Once comments are received, the final amendment will be published in OCMA's website and a copy will be sent to the HUD's San Juan Field Office. Citizens can submit their comments by mail to the following address:

Oficina del Comisionado de Asuntos Municipales
Área de Programas Federales
PO Box 70167
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-8167

Comments should be directed to Mr. Irvin Cortés, Deputy Commissioner.

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. Additionally, on September 28, 2010, HUD notified the Government of Puerto Rico of an additional award in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds for \$12,000,000. The award responded to the Commonwealth's identification of eligible activities under the Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF). The combined allocation of these funds provided OCMA with a total of \$29,982,887.00 under both appropriations.

During recent months, OCMA has recaptured several remaining balances (*sobrantes*), unused CDBG-DR and DREF funds from participating municipalities. See the table below for a complete description of recaptures by activity and municipality. Such funds have been recaptured following OCMA's Disaster Recovery Recapture Policy as outline on the Action Plan:

RECAPTURE POLICY Any funds recaptured by OCMA from the participating municipalities, will be distributed to other municipalities that participated under the program. This may include any funds willingly returned by the municipalities. The method of redistribution is to be governed by the general performance of the municipalities (expenditure rate and project's balance) within the Disaster Recovery Program, or by specific need criteria (disaster related unmet needs and already identified projects), according to the program's purpose and objective.

Following OCMA's recapture policy, the Municipality of Adjuntas will receive an additional \$30,664.15 to the existing activity under DR funds. Also, will receive \$708,269.58 to create a mitigation activity under DREF funds. The proposed improvements will mitigate future damages from heavy rainfalls in the Pancho González community, as residential properties will be less prone to damage. The project will serve as a mitigation measure for the community as a whole. No individual repairs on damaged properties will be performed.

CHANGES IN THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Recaptured Amounts from 2008 Disaster Recovery Municipalities (Basic Allocations)		
Municipality	Activity Number	Recaptured Amount
ARROYO	08-AB-DR-07-002	\$.20
GUANICA	08-AB-DR-25-001	\$273.00
GUANICA	08-AB-DR-25-ADM	\$1,761.67
JUNCOS	08-AB-DR-25-ADM	\$.40
PATILLAS	08-AB-DR-50-001	\$5,555.72
PONCE	08-AB-DR-71-ADM	\$11,548.81
SABANA GRANDE	08-AB-DR-55-001	\$.31
SABANA GRANDE	08-AB-DR-55-003	\$.04
SABANA GRANDE	08-AB-DR-55-007	\$3,096.77
SABANA GRANDE	08-AB-DR-55-009	\$.76
UTUADO	08-AB-DR-62-ADM	\$6,301.22
YABUCOA	08-AB-DR-67-ADM	\$1,968.71
Total Recapture Funds (DR-BA)		\$30,507.61

Recaptured Amounts from 2008 Disaster Recovery Municipalities (Competitive Funds)		
Municipality	Activity Number	Recaptured Amount
GUANICA	08-FC-DR-25-001	\$138.90
GURABO	08-FC-DR-28-005	\$6.00
GURABO	08-FC-DR-28-006	\$11.64
Total Recapture Funds (DR-CF)		\$156.54
TOTAL RECAPTURE FUNDS (BA + CF)		\$30,664.15

FINAL BALANCE OF ADJUNTAS DISATER ALLOCATION ACTIVITIES			
Activity Number	Actual Allocation	Transferred funds from Recapture	Total activity funds
08-AB-DR-01-001	\$277,291.24	\$30,507.61	\$307,798.85
08-FC-DR-01-001	\$400,000.00	\$156.54	\$400,156.54

Recaptured Amounts from DREF		
Municipality	Activity Number	Recaptured Amount
GUAYANILLA	08-DREF-27-002	\$26,269.58
UTUADO	08-DREF-62-001	\$542,300.00
UTUADO	08-DREF-62-002	\$139,700.00
Total Recapture Funds (DREF)		\$708,269.58

New Distribution of Funds for Adjuntas DREF Activity		
Activity Number	Actual Allocation	Transferred funds from recapture
08-DREF-01-001	\$0.00	\$708,269.58

New Distribution of Funds for Adjuntas DR-DREF 2008	
Activity Number	Amount
08-AB-DR-01-001	\$307,798.85
08-FC-DR-01-001	\$400,156.54
08-DREF-01-001	\$708,269.58
Adjuntas Total Allocation	\$1,416,224.97