



CDBG-DR Briefing Sessions: Infrastructure

Participants Questions and Comments

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QUESTION OR COMMENT	PRDOH RESPONSE
<p>I don't have any more closed projects for NFMP. How and when the application process begins?</p>	<p>The program sent every municipality a link asking them to submit their currently FEMA obligated PW's, for the projects in which they have interest on receiving the non-federal match. The program completes a preliminary evaluation of each sent PW and includes a list of those preliminary approved PW's in the Subrecipient Agreement (SRA). Once the SRA is signed between the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) and the municipality, the program will evaluate as first priority those completed projects included in the agreement. Once CDBG-DR program requirements compliance is confirmed, the Program will coordinate with the municipality the submittal of the corresponding match request.</p>
<p>Is CRP exclusively for urban centers?</p>	<p>No, CRP is for downtown areas, urban centers, and key corridors where trade activities and services are offered for the benefit of residential communities that are developed in the area.</p>



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<p>When can we start requesting funds for the Non-Federal Match Program for obligated projects?</p>	<p>The program sent every municipality a link asking them to submit their currently FEMA obligated PW's, for the projects in which they have interest on receiving the Non-Federal Match. The program completes a preliminary evaluation of each sent PW and includes a list of those preliminary approved PW's in the Subrecipient Agreement (SRA). Once the SRA is signed between the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) and the municipality, the program will evaluate as priority those completed projects included in the agreement. Once CDBG-DR program requirements compliance is confirmed, the Program will coordinate with the municipality the submittal of the corresponding match request.</p>
<p>In the NFMP, for prospective projects which are small projects, the 10% reimbursement with CDBG-DR funds is made once the project is completed?</p>	<p>Correct. The Non-Federal Match Program will be validating CDBG-DR compliance and issuing match payments once Small Projects are substantially complete and validated by FEMA and COR3.</p>

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<p>What process must be followed to update credentials?</p>	<p>For the Non-Federal Match Program, the municipality must submit the <i>CERTIFICACIÓN DE DESIGNACIÓN OFICIAL COMO REPRESENTANTE DEL MUNICIPIO</i> document, which can be requested to the Program through the following email address: infrastructureCDBG@vivienda.pr.gov</p> <p>For the City Revitalization Program, the municipality must submit the <i>CERTIFICACIÓN DE DESIGNACIÓN OFICIAL COMO REPRESENTANTE DEL MUNICIPIO</i> document, which can be requested to the Program through the following email address: CityRevCDBG@vivienda.pr.gov. Once the Certification has been received if the municipality has an executed Subrecipient Agreement, the credentials will be updated and sent via email to the municipality so they can begin submitting projects to be evaluated.</p>
<p>Is there an ideal projects and approval guide for CRP?</p>	<p>Yes, the Program Guidelines provide information about eligible activities and examples of eligible projects. Program Guidelines are available on the CDBG-DR website: https://www.cdbg-dr.pr.gov/en/download/city-revitalization/.</p>

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<p>You have the beach and how it was affected, can that be included as one of Vega Baja's important areas?</p>	<p>The first objective of the City Revitalization Program is to restore infrastructure in downtown areas, urban areas and key corridors that were impacted by the Hurricanes, and to make these facilities more resilient to future events, so that residents will want to return to and make use of public urban areas and downtown districts. The Municipality is the entity that determines the location of these key corridors where trade activities and services are offered for the benefit of residential communities that develop in the area.</p>
<p>Municipality of Ponce's two (2) proposals were returned. Nevertheless, there hasn't been any system change regarding the POC. How will we know about any changes: accessing the website or do you send emails?</p>	<p>The information of the new POC was updated in the system according to the <i>CERTIFICACIÓN DE DESIGNACIÓN OFICIAL COMO REPRESENTANTE DEL MUNICIPIO</i> received by the Program. The copy of the RFIs (Request for Information) for the two (2) projects submitted by the Municipality were sent via email to the new POC.</p>



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<p>What process is being followed to provide advanced funding to start projects?</p>	<p>The Infrastructure Programs (Non-Federal Match Program and City Revitalization) do not provide advanced funding.</p> <p>For the City Revitalization Program, a 20% of the total allocation was authorized to the Municipalities through the Subrecipient Agreement for pre-construction work.</p>
<p>Monthly reports must be sent to the same City Rev email? With the invoice and the submit the invoice through Vendor Café?</p>	<p>Correct, the monthly reports must be sent along with invoices via email to CityRevCDBG@vivienda.pr.gov to be reviewed and approved by the Program before submitting through Vendor Café. Once approved by the Program, the Municipality will submit them along with the invoices through Vendor Café.</p>
<p>Want to confirm if completed projects under the emergency declaration dates have different evaluation requirements.</p>	<p>Under the Non-Federal Match Program, projects completed under the emergency declaration could be subject to different evaluation requirements, specifically if projects were completed before the Grant Agreement between the PRDOH and HUD.</p>

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<p>Is there any available option for them to reclaim, that those projects can be qualified, even though the procurement process is moving forward?</p> <p>They want to know if there's any option to subsidize that 10% for those projects with completed procurement process?</p> <p>There may be some municipalities with that same situation... PW's started being obligated before the Non-Federal Match Program.</p>	<p>The Non-Federal Match Program can consider and evaluate project with completed or in-progress procurement processes. Projects are not automatically disqualified for having completed their procurement processes. Each project is evaluated based on the applicable CDBG-DR requirements.</p>
<p>Flexible match and Project grouping: every project needs their PW's?</p> <p>FEMA requested a category grouping. But even though they are grouped, they each have an individual PW. Do they need to have only one PW to be considered for flexible match?</p>	<p>The flexible match methodology, as per the guidelines published by FEMA and HUD, applies to projects grouped under a PW.</p>