



UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR DISASTER RECOVERY AND MITIGATION

CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT funds are each a supplemental appropriation to the formula-based CDBG Grant Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the United States. However, while these two programs are based within the same regulatory framework, the unique characteristics of each Grant Program translate into significantly different opportunities for Puerto Rico.

The Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 169 published on August 20, 2019, 84 FR 45838, states that,

“CDBG-MIT funds are to be used for distinctly different purposes than CDBG-DR funds.”

Due to the broader purpose of CDBG-MIT funds, PRDOH is currently evaluating the strategic coordination of CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT programs for the greater benefit of Puerto Rico. This HUD guidance on CDBG-MIT funds is found at Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 169 published on August 30, 2019, 84 FR 45839.

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

	CDBG-DR	CDBG-MIT
GENERAL USE OF FUNDS	Funds activities related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization.	Funds activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters.
ELIGIBLE PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES	Planning, Housing, Infrastructure, Economic Development	Planning, Housing, Infrastructure, Economic Development
GEOGRAPHIC ELIGIBILITY	All areas of the Island are eligible for funding.	All areas of the Island are eligible for funding.
TIE TO THE DISASTER(S)	All funded activities must show a tie back to Hurricanes Irma and María.	There is no requirement that funded activities show a tie back to the Hurricanes or any previous disaster.
MITIGATION AGAINST FUTURE DISASTERS	Funded activities that can show a tie back to the Hurricanes can support mitigation and increased resilience against future similar disasters.	Funded activities are intended to support mitigation and resilience from those disasters identified and prioritized through a Mitigation Needs Assessment, and may include flooding, hurricanes/tropical storms, earthquakes, landslides, and other natural or man-made disasters.
DURATION OF FUNDING	Funds must be fully expended within six (6) years of the HUD signing of the original Grant Agreement. All funds from the first and subsequent Grant Agreements must be expended no later than September 2024.	Funds must be fully expended with twelve (12) years of the HUD signing of the Grant Agreement; fifty percent (50%) of the funds must be expended in the first six (6) years.