



CDBG-MIT PUBLIC HEARING #5

Public Comments

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INTRODUCTION

The Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) is currently developing the CDBG-MIT Action Plan for the allocation of \$8.285 billion in mitigation funds for Puerto Rico.

As part of the development of this Action Plan, PRDOH held five (5) public hearings that are part of the required process of citizen participation. Per the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Guidance at Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 169 (August 30, 2019), 84 FR 45838, section V.A.3.a., PRDOH, as a CDBG-MIT grantee with an allocation of a billion or more shall hold at least four (4) public hearings to obtain citizens' views and to respond to proposals and questions. At least two (2) of these public hearings must occur prior to action plan publication for public comment.

For PRDOH, it is crucial to know and fully understand the experiences lived by all residents of Puerto Rico during and after the disasters that have affected us in recent years. It is the goal of PRDOH to balance the democratic opportunity for inclusive public participation with the appropriate response and safety measures necessary for the Coronavirus pandemic. Thus, broadcasting all five (5) public hearings on public television, radio and social media, simultaneously, rises to the spirit and intent of the Federal Register.

PRDOH has also had to make significant adjustments to the participatory aspect of the public hearing process to ensure public safety due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, to receive broader stakeholder participation and to allow for increased participation from those with accessibility limitations, the PRDOH has made available four (4) different means to receive input from the public: electronic mail (email), website form submission, text message, and call center.

The breakdown of the comments and/or questions received through each medium during the CDBG-MIT public hearings is provided below. These comments were received during the public hearing live broadcast, prior to the broadcast (when appropriate¹), and after the broadcast. The reader should take this into account when reviewing the nature and formality of any particular response.

Only one (1) question was received for the 5th Public Hearing but was not answered LIVE to allow for the *Ponencias del Pueblo* segment. Due to the overwhelming response, the entirety of the 5th Public Hearing was dedicated to the airing of *Ponencias del Pueblo* and the broadcast was extended to a two (2)-hour segment. The public was informed that any comment or question submitted for the hearing would be answered and posted in the CDBG-MIT website.

¹ Comments were taken from the public on the same day of the first two (2) public hearings before, during, and after the events. Proposals for the final three (3) public hearings were requested in advance to gather video statements for inclusion in the events, and comments taken on the day of.

ON-LINE FORM

NO.	NAME	COMMENT (IN SPANISH)	PRDOH RESPONSE (IN SPANISH)	COMMENT (IN ENGLISH)	PRDOH RESPONSE (IN ENGLISH)
* INDICA PREGUNTA ORIGINAL / INDICATES ORIGINAL QUESTION					
W001	Ray Martinez	Asistiré al seminario en linea para obtener más información sobre el programa. Gracias.	<p>¡SINTONIZA HOY A LAS 8:00PM LA 5TA VISTA PÚBLICA DE CDBG-MIT Y ESCUCHA LAS PONENCIAS DEL PUEBLO!</p> <p>Siga la transmisión en VIVO a través de los canales 3 y 6, WIPR en línea, Facebook LIVE @cdbgdrpuertorico y por la señal de radio 940 AM. Esta transmisión contará con subtítulos en inglés y lenguaje de señas.</p> <p>Durante esta vista, estaremos compartiendo las Ponencias del Pueblo. Recibimos sobre 30 videos y ponencias escritas de parte de ciudadanos, organizaciones, entidades y Municipios. ¡Reconocemos el empeño para preparar y enviar sus videos y agradecemos su participación!</p> <p>Aunque no estaremos compartiendo preguntas y comentarios en vivo durante la transmisión de hoy, si se estarán recibiendo las preguntas, propuestas y comentarios que nos envíen. Éstos serán respondidos públicamente, más adelante. Para someter sus comentarios a esta quinta vista pública puede utilizar las siguientes plataformas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correo electrónico CDBG-MIT@vivienda.pr.gov, incluye en el Asunto: Vistas Públicas CDBG-MIT 2. Formulario de Comentarios Públicos CDBG-MIT: Presione aquí para el formulario 3. Cuadro Telefónico al 1-833-234-CDBG/ 1-833-234-2324 o al 787-522-5950 para TTY 4. Mensaje de texto al 939-224-9895 <p>Contamos con su sintonía en esta quinta y última vista pública de los fondos de CDBG-MIT.</p>	*Attending the webinar to find out more information about the program. Thank you.	<p>THE 5TH CDBG-MIT PUBLIC HEARING WITH PONENCIAS DEL PUEBLO IS TODAY AT 8:00PM! Follow this transmission LIVE through WIPR – Channels 3 and 6 and livestream, Facebook LIVE @cdbgdrpuertorico & through radio signal at 940 AM. This transmission provides English closed captions and sign language.</p> <p>During this hearing, we will be highlighting the Ponencias del Pueblo. We have received over 30 videos and written proposals from citizens, organizations, entities and Municipalities. We thank everyone that participated!</p> <p>We will be receiving questions, comments and proposals which will be responded publicly in the future. Use the following methods to submit public comments for the hearing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email to CDBG-MIT@vivienda.pr.gov, with Subject: CDBG-MIT Public Hearings 2. CDBG-MIT Public Hearings Public Comment Form, Click here for the form 3. Call Center at 1-833-234-CDBG/ 1-833-234-2324 or at 787-522-5950 for TTY 4. Text message to 939-224-9895 <p>We hope you will tune in to the fifth and final CDBG-MIT Public Hearing.</p>

EMAIL

No public comments were received through the CDBG-MIT email.

TEXT MESSAGES

No public comments were received through Text Messages.

CALL CENTER

No public comments were received through the PRDOH Call Center.