

INVITATION TO PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2025-2030 ACTION PLAN 2025-2026

In compliance with federal regulations and the Citizen Participation Plan, the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas invites all residents, community-based groups and entities, business owners, religious organizations, public agencies, and groups to attend Public Hearings related to the preparation of the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for 2025-2030 and the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2025-26.

The Public Hearing aims to identify community needs that will establish service priorities to be included in the Consolidated Plan for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030. The Consolidated Plan will include these priorities in the use of federal program funds delegated through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and its Community Planning and Development division. These programs are aimed at providing decent and affordable housing, promoting economic development, and improving community quality of life.

The Consolidated Plan is the document submitted to HUD, which serves as: a general strategy for affordable housing, community development plan, and funding proposal under any of the Community Planning and Development programs. It is a collaborative process where the community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. It offers local jurisdictions the opportunity to shape various housing programs and effective community development strategies. The Plan provides an opportunity for strategic planning and citizen participation to occur in a comprehensive context, reducing duplication of efforts at the local level. The funds included in this plan include:

- CDBG: Community Development Block Grant
- HOME: HOME Investment Partnership Program
- ESG: Emergency Solutions Grant

We invite citizens, representatives of non-profit institutions, civic and social aid associations, state government agencies, municipal government departments, and the general public to participate in the public hearing to be held:

Date: December 11, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Meeting Room of the Territorial Planning Advisory Board
Planning Office, Third Level, Municipal Government Center
Padial Street, Corner of José Mercado Avenue, Caguas, Puerto Rico

During this hearing the Municipality will gather information on the following needs:

Homeless Persons

- Identification of needs for services such as job training, case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, housing placement, and life skills.
- Special attention to subpopulations such as persons with chronic substance abuse, mental health conditions, dual diagnoses, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence victims, and youth.



Special Populations

- Prioritization of needs for the elderly, persons with fragile health conditions, physical limitations, disabilities, public housing residents, and persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

Housing

- Housing rehabilitation needs for low-income persons, elderly, and persons with disabilities.
- Proposals for first-time homeownership and social interest housing development.

Community Development

- Programs and projects focused on crime prevention, economic development, infrastructure improvements, public facilities, and activities for adolescents and elderly.

Public Service

- Services directed at childcare, health, job training, recreational and educational programs, public safety, affordable housing, support for homeless persons, substance abuse treatment, energy conservation, housing down payment assistance, and other social welfare programs.

Economic Development

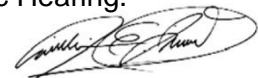
- Proposals for development, expansion, and technical assistance to microenterprises.
- Economic development activities such as job training, loans, commercial structure rehabilitation, and technical assistance.

Citizens' presentations and proposals should identify the population group they will represent and their needs. They should provide a detailed description of the project, location, number of people or families they expect to benefit, and its estimated cost.

As part of the citizen participation process, interested persons may make presentations, petitions, or proposals about identified needs verbally on the day of the hearing, submit them in writing to the postal address that appears in the heading of this Notice, or deliver them personally to the Planning Office located at the Municipal Government Center, Padial Street, Corner of José Mercado Avenue, Office 301, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All communications should be directed to Planner Zaid Díaz Isaac, Director of the Planning Office at email zdiaz@caguas.gov.pr.

Two copies of each proposal and/or presentation are required. Proposal forms will be available at the Planning Office from the date of this Notice and on the day of the Public Hearing.

The deadline for receiving proposals is February 7, 2025, until 3:30pm.
In Caguas, Puerto Rico, on November 26, 2024.



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