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**Environmental Review  
for Activity/Project that is Exempt or  
Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5  
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.34(a) and 58.35(b)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** ESG-Municipal-Housing-Department-Prevention-2024-2025

**HEROS Number:** 900000010432794

**State / Local Identifier:**

**Project Location:** Pueblo Ward, Caguas, PR 00725

**Additional Location Information:**

Municipal Housing Department - Consolidated Medical Mall - 4th Floor, Gautier Benitez Avenue, Caguas.  
ID parcel: 225-094-590-07

**Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:**

The Municipal Housing Department will be using these funds to assist individuals with leasing, down payment, utilities, leasing debts and prospective leasing costs. The amount for this fiscal year is 15,000 dollars.

**Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

**Activity / Project is Categorically Excluded Not Subject to per 24 CFR 58.35(b):**

58.35(b)(1)

58.35(b)(2)

**Funding Information**

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name	
E-24-MC-72-0001	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program	\$149,192.00

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$15,000.00

**Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]:** \$15,000.00

**Mitigation Measures and Conditions [CFR 1505.2(c)]:**

Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on Completed Measures	Complete
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Preparer Signature:  Date: Oct 21, 2024

Name / Title/ Organization: MELANIE RUIZ HUERTAS / / CAGUAS

Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:  Date: Oct 21, 2024

Name/ Title: Guillermo Rivera Cruz, Environmental Affairs Director

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environment Review Record (ERR) for the activity / project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).



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**Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):**

**Point of Contact:**

**Consultant (if applicable):**

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[grant agreement e-24-mc-72-0001.pdf](#)

[Distribucion de presupuesto ESG 2024-2025.pdf](#)

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or Insured Amount:

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**Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4 & §58.6 Laws and Authorities**

<b>Compliance Factors:</b> Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4 & §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determination (See Appendix A for source determinations)
<b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.6</b>		
<b>Airport Runway Clear Zones and Clear Zones</b> 24 CFR part 51	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description (activities related with leasing, down payment, utilities payments, among others), the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Airport Runway Clear Zone requirements.
<b>Coastal Barrier Resources Act</b> Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Puerto Rico is one of the areas with Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). However, the project is located in the Municipality of Caguas, more than 20 miles from the nearest CBRS



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		(Punta Vacía Talega or Punta Guilarte). This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.
<b>Flood Insurance</b> Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description (Municipal Housing Department Prevention Program Activities), the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with Flood Insurance requirements.

**Mitigation Measures and Conditions [CFR 40 1505.2(c)]:** Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

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**Project Mitigation Plan**

**Supporting documentation on completed measures**

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APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Regulations

Airport Runway Clear Zones

The project involves the sale or acquisition of the property located at the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 101, which is within the Airport Runway Clear Zone of the Caguas Airport. The project is not a development project and does not require a permit from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Does the project involve the sale or acquisition of the property located at the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 101, which is within the Airport Runway Clear Zone of the Caguas Airport?

Based on the response, the project is not a development project and does not require a permit from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description (activities related to the sale or acquisition of the property located at the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 101, which is within the Airport Runway Clear Zone of the Caguas Airport), the project includes no activities that would require a permit from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The project is in compliance with Airport Runway Clear Zone regulations.

Supporting documentation

Are federal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Coastal Barrier Resources

The project is not a development project and does not require a permit from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The project is in compliance with Airport Runway Clear Zone regulations.

Is the project located in a CBRS zone?

Compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)



## APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Authorities

### Airport Runway Clear Zones

General policy	Legislation	Regulation
It is HUD's policy to apply standards to prevent incompatible development around civil airports and military airfields.		24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D

1. Does the project involve the sale or acquisition of developed property?  
✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

### Compliance Determination

Based on the project description (activities related with leasing, down payment, utilities payments, among others), the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Airport Runway Clear Zone requirements.

### Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

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Yes

No

### Coastal Barrier Resources

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD financial assistance may not be used for most activities in units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). See 16 USC 3504 for limitations on federal expenditures affecting the CBRS.	Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) of 1982, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 USC 3501)	

1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?  
✓ No

Document and upload map and documentation below.



Yes

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

Puerto Rico is one of the areas with Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). However, the project is located in the Municipality of Caguas, more than 20 miles from the nearest CBRS (Punta Vacía Talega or Punta Guilarte). This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

[Coastal Barrier 2.jpg](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

✓

Yes

No

### **Flood Insurance**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Certain types of federal financial assistance may not be used in floodplains unless the community participates in National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance is both obtained and maintained.	Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 as amended (42 USC 4001-4128)	24 CFR 50.4(b)(1) and 24 CFR 58.6(a) and (b); 24 CFR 55.1(b).

1. Does this project involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property?

✓ No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

4. While flood insurance is not mandatory for this project, HUD strongly recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Will flood insurance be required as a mitigation measure or condition?

Yes

✓ No

**Screen Summary**

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**Supporting documentation**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No