



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF PRONOUNCEMENT OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND INTENTION TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Autonomous Municipality of Caguas will apply a certification to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the Government of the United States of America on the Notification of Pronouncement of No Significant Effect on the Environment and on the Intent to Request the Release of Funds.

The project mentioned below includes funds belonging to the Annual Plan 2025-2026 of the following program: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), from the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The breakdown is as follows:

Project Name/ Location	Program	Amount of Funds
FUNDESCO- El Camino	CDBG	\$62,700.00

The Autonomous Municipality of Caguas has determined that the project described above will not cause or induce significant alterations in environmental conditions and significant consequences. It has also been determined that this project will not cause permanent adverse impacts on the environment, nor will it entail irrevocable commitments of resources. Accordingly, it has been decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the following specific reasons:

1. The environmental impacts that could arise are those that normally occur in construction processes, such as traffic congestion, dust dispersion, increased noise level, removal of trees and vegetation cover, and other minor ones.
2. Most of these adverse environmental effects are limited to short periods of time during the construction process.
3. Some of these adverse effects to the environment that may remain after the construction period are almost entirely recoverable in a short time.
4. The development of this activity will significantly improve the economy and the environment.
5. The projects will provide additional community facilities for the benefit of the citizens.

An Environmental Review Record has been prepared for these projects, where everything related to its implementation and its environmental effects are described in detail. This Registry is available to be examined by the public interested in the facilities of the Caguas Municipal Planning Office, from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., located in the Municipal Government Center, Office 301, Third Floor, Calle Padiá, Esq. José Mercado.

All groups, people or entities that do not agree with this decision are invited to send their comments in writing to the Planning Office, and no later than 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice on the Municipality's website. All comments received will be considered and appropriate action will be taken when necessary. For additional information about this Notice, you can call (787) 653-8833, extensions 2500 or 2501.

Once the situations that have arisen have been clarified or if no comments are received within the indicated period, the Municipality will understand that there is no objection and will proceed to request the release of funds for the development of



these projects. The request for the release of funds will not occur before 7 calendar days have passed since the publication of this Notice on the Municipality's website. The Municipality and the Honorable Mayor in his official capacity as Chief Executive, certify to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the Federal Government that they accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts in the event of initiating an action to enforce responsibilities regarding evaluations, decisions and environmental actions taken here. The legal effect of this complies with the National Environmental Policy Law of 1969.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the Federal Government will admit objections to the Request for Release of Funds and acceptance of the Certification only if it is based on one of the following grounds:

1. That the Certification was not formalized by the official designated by the Municipality for these purposes.
2. That the Environmental Assessment Record prepared by the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas for the project indicates that a decision, finding, or required step that is applicable to the project has been omitted in the environmental assessment process.
3. Other federal agencies have submitted adverse comments related to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act or Section 102(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act. Objections to the Release of Funds based on grounds other than those stated above will not be considered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the Federal Government.

Objections to the Release of Funds based on grounds other than those stated above will not be considered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the Federal Government. Objections must be prepared and filed in accordance with the procedures required in Part 58, Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations and sent to:

**US Department of Housing and Urban Development
Caribbean Office, Región II
Edificio Parque Las Américas Núm. 235
SJ Field Office – Federico Costa St. Suite 200
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918**

No objection received after 7 days of having submitted the request and certification of the release of funds will be considered by the Federal Department of Housing. The Municipality does not expect to carry out further environmental evaluations of these projects before requesting the release of funds.

The comments submitted must indicate whether they refer to the Notification of the Pronouncement of No Significant Effect on the Environment or the Intention to Request of Release of Funds.

In Caguas, Puerto Rico, February 27, 2026

**William E. Miranda Torres
Mayor**

