COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
AUTONOMOUS MUNICIPALITY OF CAGUAS
PLANNING OFFICE
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Autonomous Municipality of Caguas will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Caribbean Office Region II- San Juan Field Office for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Title 24 Section 58 of the Action Plan 2026-2027 from the Consolidated Plan 2025-2029, to undertake a project known as **Repaving Villa Flores (Caguas).** The purpose of the project is the rehabilitation of Castilla Street in the Villa Flores neighborhood in Caguas. It includes asphalt paving, construction of access ramps, and repair of sidewalks and curbs. **The estimated funding was $45,885.00. The proposed project is located at Castilla Street, Urb. Villa Flores at Downtown Ward.**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Autonomous Municipality of Caguas has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment - Environmental Review Record (EA - ERR) file at the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas Planning Office, Office 301 of the Municipal Government Building and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8: 30 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Planning Office. **All comments received by December 6th, 2026, will be considered by the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.** Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Autonomous Municipality of Caguas certifies to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Caribbean Office Region II- San Juan Field Office that William E. Miranda Torres in his capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Caribbean Office Region II- San Juan Field Office approval of the certification

satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Caribbean Office Region II- San Juan Field Office will accept objections to its release of fund and the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas certification for a period of nineteen (19) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas; (b) the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Caribbean Office Region II- San Juan Field Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the **US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Caribbean Office Region II- San Juan Field Office at Edificio Parque Las Américas #235, Federico Costa St., Suite 200, San Juan PR 00918.** Potential objectors should contact the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Caribbean Office Region II- San Juan Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Note: The nineteenth-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The nineteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

In Caguas, Puerto Rico, November 17, 2026

William E. Miranda Torres
Mayor

This notice is published in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, as amended, and 24 CFR 570.704.