

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT
TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

(This notice satisfies two separate but related procedural requirements for an activity to be undertaken by the Municipality of Bayamón.)

INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS - The Municipality of Bayamón intends to request, on or about August 17, 2026 (within the next 15 days), that the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) release funds from the CDBG-DR City Revitalization Program, under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-56) (House Resolution 569 provided a second disaster package), in the amount of \$5,516,379.98 to carry out the following project:

Project	Address	Description	CDBG-DR Funds
<u>PR-CRP-001221</u> <u>Bayamón Fiber Optic Burial</u>	<u>Start: Bayamón City Hall PR-2 km. 11; End: Emergency Management Office PR-5 500, Bayamón PR 00961</u>	The project consists of replacing obsolete and vulnerable overhead fiber optic lines with modern, high-capacity underground cables, in order to reduce the risk of service interruption caused by wind damage or debris impact, thereby creating a robust and secure communications network. In addition, the project will improve the integration of surveillance cameras and monitoring sensors, which will allow law enforcement and emergency personnel to respond more efficiently before, during, and after natural disasters. This improvement will also reduce operational costs by optimizing the personnel required to monitor public safety systems.	<u>\$5,516,379.98</u>

The proposed activities are categorically excluded under HUD regulations (24 CFR 58) from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The Municipality maintains an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the project, which is available for public examination Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the following address:

Planning, Land Use Management and Federal Affairs Office

Municipality of Bayamón

PR-2 Bayamón Municipal City Hall, 4th Floor,

Bayamón, Puerto Rico, 00959

787-787-0451

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency interested in submitting comments or that disagrees with this determination must submit the comments in writing and deliver them in person to the address indicated above or mail them to: Planning and Land Use Management Office, P.O. Box 1588, Bayamón, PR 00960. Comments received within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice will be considered by the Municipality before submitting the request for release of funds. Comments must indicate which of the two parts of this notice they refer to.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: This notice certifies to **PRDOH** that the Municipality and the Honorable Ramón L. Rivera Cruz, in his capacity as Certifying Officer, accept the applicable laws and regulations to carry out the responsibilities related to the environmental review process, and that such responsibilities have been fulfilled. PRDOH's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), related laws and authorities, and allows the Municipality to use CDBG-DR Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS: PRDOH will accept objections to the release of funds and to the Municipality's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days from the anticipated date for submitting the request for release of funds or from the date of receipt, whichever is later. **PRDOH** will consider objections only if they are based on the following grounds: 1) The Municipality's Certifying Officer did not sign the certification, 2) The Municipality omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by Part 58 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 3) The Municipality has obligated funds or incurred costs not authorized by Part 58 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations before **PRDOH** approved the release of funds and the certification, 4) Another federal agency, acting pursuant to Part 1504 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, has submitted a written determination that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the procedures established in Part 58 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations and must be addressed to **PRDOH** at the following address: **Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) – Disaster Recovery Office, Permits and Environmental Compliance Division, 606 Barbosa Ave., San Juan, PR 00918.** Persons interested in submitting comments should contact PRDOH at (787) 274-2527 to verify the last day of the period established for submitting objections. Objections received after thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice will not be considered by **PRDOH**.

This notice shall be valid when published and disseminated in accordance with the regulations established by the amendment to Section 119 of Title I of the Federal Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974.

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Emanuel R. Gómez Vélez, LPP, Certifying Officer

This notice is published in accordance with Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 58.70.