



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

(This notice fulfills two separate but related procedural requirements for an activity to be carried out by the Municipality of Canóvanas.)

**INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS** – The Municipality of Canóvanas proposes to request, on or about the 16 day of October 2025 (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 of 2018 and the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-56) (House Resolution 569 provided a second disaster package), in the amount of **\$2,728,241.38** to carry out the following project:

Project	Address	Description	Funding Source Amount CDBG-DR
Plaza Juan F. Arroyo	<u>Palmer Street,</u> <u>Corner. Muñoz</u> <u>Rivera Street,</u> <u>Canóvanas</u> <u>Puerto Rico.</u>  <u>Coordenadas</u> <u>x:256251.3803,</u> <u>y:260488.2632</u>	<p>The proposed project consists of the rehabilitation of the Canóvanas public square, conceived as an urban forest and a new cultural center. The intervention includes the construction of a gallery, the planting of more than sixty (60) new trees, and the complete repaving of the existing surface. The approximate area of the project is thirty-eight thousand one hundred forty (38,140) square feet.</p> <p>The proposed project also contemplates the replacement of lighting fixtures and the installation of urban furniture. In addition, the construction of two speed bumps is proposed on the adjacent main streets, which will serve as connectors to the Town Hall and to the future Mercado del Pilar.</p> <p>Excavations will vary according to the technical specifications of the proposed structures, with widths and depths appropriate to ensure the correct installation of road elements, utilities, and finished surfaces.</p> <p>All work will be carried out in accordance with the engineering plans and current building codes, ensuring compliance with applicable design, safety, and accessibility requirements.</p>	<u>\$2,728,241.38</u>

The proposed activities have been reviewed under HUD regulations (24 CFR Part 58) and require an Categorical Exclusion (CEST) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The Municipality has prepared 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:

**Oficina de Planificación y Desarrollo Económico**  
**Municipio de Canóvanas**  
**Autonomía Street, Corner Pepito Albandoz Street,**  
**Canóvanas, PR 00729**  
**787-957-1075**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any individual, group, or agency interested in submitting comments or disagreeing with this determination must submit written comments and either deliver them in person to the address listed above or send them by mail to: Office of Planning and Economic Development, P.O. Box 1612, Canóvanas, PR 00729-1612 or via email to [planificacion@canovanasgov.com](mailto:planificacion@canovanasgov.com). Comments received within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice will be considered by the Municipality prior to submitting the request for the release of funds. Comments must specify which part of this notice they are addressing.

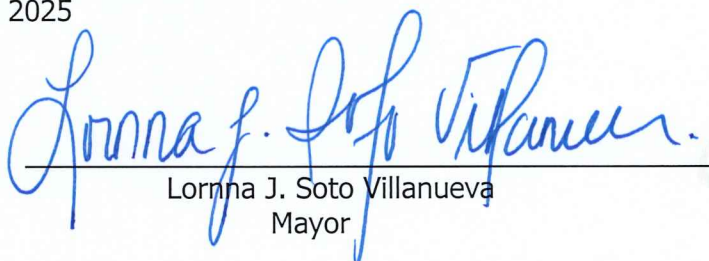
**RELEASE OF FUNDS:** By this notice, PRDOH is certified that the Municipality and the Honorable Lornna J. Soto Villanueva, in her capacity as Certifying Officer, accept the applicable laws and regulations to carry out the responsibilities related to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been fulfilled. Approval of the certification by PRDOH satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), related laws and authorities, and allows the Municipality to use funds from the CDBG-DR Program.


**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 beginning either from the anticipated submission date of 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 one of 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 required decision or finding under 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 an environmental quality standpoint.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Part 58 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations and should 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. Interested parties wishing to submit objections should contact PRDOH at (787) 274-2527 to verify the last day of the objection period. Objections received after thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice will not be considered by PRDOH.

This notice shall be valid upon its publication and dissemination in accordance with the requirements established under **24 CFR Part 58** and the applicable provisions of the **Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended**.

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Lornna J. Soto Villanueva  
Mayor

  
Leslie R. Rivera Domenech, PPL  
Certified Officer  
Municipality of Canóvanas

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