



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 8, 2025

**Municipality of Canóvanas
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On or about eight calendar days following publication date of this notice, the Municipality of Canóvanas will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Healthy Homes Production grant funds to undertake the Canóvanas Healthy Homes Rehabilitation Program for the purpose of making minor healthy and safety related minor renovations at 100 eligible residences. The Municipality of Canóvanas is requesting the release of \$1,047,332.90.

The proposed minor repair and rehabilitation activities to be funded under this program are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered environmental review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Compliance with other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be met when individual projects are reviewed, i.e., Flood Insurance, Historic Preservation, Contamination/Toxics. Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at **Federal Program and External Resources Office, Calle Muñoz Rivera, P.O. Box 1612, Canóvanas P.R. 00729**, email to request and electronic copy; recursosexternos@canovanagov.com and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the **Federal Program and External Resources Office, Calle Muñoz Rivera, P.O. Box 1612, Canóvanas P.R. 00729**. All comments received by **December 17, 2025** will be considered by Municipality of Canóvanas prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.


RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Municipality of Canovanas certifies to HUD that **Lornna J. Soto Villanueva** in her official capacity as **Mayor**, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Municipality of Canovanas to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Municipality of Canovanas certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Municipality of Canovanas; (b) the Municipality of Canovanas has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Municipality of Canovanas has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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), and may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address:

OLHCHHPECOS@hud.gov



Lornna J. Soto Villanueva
Mayor
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