

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 DISASTER RECOVERY ACTION PLAN

The Office of the Commissioner of Municipal Affairs (OCAM) is amending its Action Plan for the 2008 Disaster Recovery Program to modify activities for the Municipality of Lajas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

According to federal regulations in, *Federal Register Vol. 74, No.29 Feb.2009*, notification to the public is required regarding changes that substantially amend an Action Plan. HUD is waiving the traditional requirement for citizen participation under CDBG, as to allow the publication period for no less than 7 calendar days of public comment. The proposed amendment will be posted in OCAM's official website during the 7-day comment period.

CHANGES TO THE ACTION PLAN

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was originally awarded \$17,982,887.00 under Public Law (P.L.) 110-329 to assist in addressing the long-term recovery impacts from the 2008 disasters. The State's Disaster Recovery Action Plan was approved by HUD on September 17, 2009.

The Municipality of Lajas requested OCAM a change in the activities originally proposed for the basic and competitive funds. These changes consist of the cancellation of the activities of housing rehabilitation of both funds, to increase activity (08-FC-DR-36-002) of the competitive fund, and create a new infrastructure activity (08-AB-DR-36-003) as part of the basic fund.

The Municipality is also requesting to reprogram the amount of \$31,741.00 of the affordable rental housing activity, and transfer \$13,291.24 from administrative funds to the new infrastructure activity. The result of these changes is an increase in the number of bridges to be rehabilitated by the Municipality, from two to four.

The table below describes the changes proposed by the Municipality.

CHANGES IN MUNICIPALITIES' ACTIVITIES

Basic Funds

Activity Number:	Existing Budget	Net Transfer	New Budget
08-AB-DR-36-001	\$228,259.00	(\$228,259.00)	\$0.00
08-AB-DR-36-002	\$171,741.00	(\$31,741)	\$140,000
08-AB-DR-36-ADM	\$17,291.24	(\$13,291.24)	\$4,000.00
08-AB-DR-36-003	\$ 0.00	\$273,291.24	\$273,291.24

Competitive Funds

Activity Number:	Existing Budget	Net Transfer	New Budget
08-FC-DR-36-001	\$200,000.00	(\$200,000.00)	\$0.00
08-FC-DR-36-002	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$600,000.00