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### **HUD PROVIDES REMAINING \$2.96 BILLION IN CARES ACT FUNDING FOR HOMELESS POPULATIONS AMID CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY**

*\$4 Billion total in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) targeted toward communities with high homeless populations or individuals at risk of becoming homeless*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson today announced the allocation of \$2.96 billion in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding to support homeless Americans and individuals at risk of becoming homeless because of hardships such as job loss, wage reduction, or illness due to COVID-19. This funding is in addition to \$1 billion of ESG grants announced [within a week](#) of President Trump signing the CARES Act. See chart below for Puerto Rico allocation.

“Homelessness was a major issue in some cities across our Nation long before this pandemic occurred, and unfortunately the dire living conditions of our most vulnerable Americans left many without a home to isolate in or proper medical and healthcare resources to defend themselves against this invisible enemy,” said Secretary Carson. “As we continued to monitor the effects of COVID-19 in at risk communities, the Department and our partners worked quickly to respond to outbreaks and minimize the spread from hotspots to other locations. This increased funding to help provide for our homeless will make a difference now as we combat the coronavirus and inform long-term, innovative solutions for addressing homelessness in the future.”

“This critical and timely additional CARES Act funding will provide much needed support for the homeless amid the coronavirus recovery and moving forward as we continue to work with our partners on innovative long term solutions to homelessness,” said Denise Cleveland-Leggett, HUD Southeast Region Administrator.

Congress has provided \$4 billion for HUD’s ESG program for local governments to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families who are homeless, receiving homeless assistance, or are at risk of becoming homeless. In total, HUD has allocated \$3.96 billion in ESG funding to impacted communities in every U.S. State and territory, and the remainder \$40 million is being utilized to provide technical assistance to build capacity of grantees in those communities receiving ESG funding.

**The \$2.96 billion in funding allocated today can be used to:**

- **Make more emergency shelters available** for homeless individuals and families.
- **Operate emergency shelters** by providing food, rent, security, maintenance, repair, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, furnishings, and supplies necessary for their operation.
- **Provide Hotel/Motel Vouchers** for homeless families and individuals.
- Provide **essential services** to people experiencing homelessness including childcare, education services, employment assistance, outpatient health services, legal services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, and transportation.
- **Prevent individuals from becoming homeless** and rapidly rehouse homeless individuals.

**Puerto Rico funding allocation Emergency Solutions Grant - CARES Act June 2020**

	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Amount</b>
PR	Bayamón	\$1,005,178
PR	Caguas	\$658,415
PR	Carolina	\$777,012
PR	San Juan	\$3,892,454
PR	Ponce	\$975,723
PR	Puerto Rico Non-entitlement	\$14,951,925
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$22,260,707</b>

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