

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Servicios de Salud Episcopales Inc., Ponce, Puerto Rico. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published Friday, September 30, 2022, for DR-4671 Hurricane Fiona. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to fund the repairs of the road, already located within the Special Flood Hazard Area prior to the event.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: Servicios de Salud Episcopales Inc.

Project Title(s): PN 702972, Facility Buildings

Location of Proposed Work: Saint Lucas Memorial Hospital, Ave Tito Castro #917, Ponce, PR 00716 (18.03184, -66.59401)

Floodplain Locations: Location per National Flood Insurance Program's FIRM Map Panel Number 72000C1665J dated 11/18/2009, Zone X and shaded zone X (0.2% annual chance of flooding/500-year floodplain) according to Advisory Base Flood Elevation dated December 11, 2018.

Proposed Work/Purpose: Repair of roofs, windows, and exterior wall back to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint by removing and replacing existing thermoplastic, foam, and asphalt roof membranes; removing and replacing aluminum windows, and painting walls. Proposed hazard mitigation will consist of installing additional SBS membrane, improving slope of flat roofs, installing edge flashing along roof perimeters, and adding concrete mix for wall plaster.

Project Alternatives: The following alternatives were considered:

(1) Relocation of the facilities outside the floodplain – There are no practicable alternatives to locating the proposed actions outside the floodplain as the hospital cannot be practicably moved. The damages to the facilities are limited in scope and the cost of relocation would outweigh the cost to repair the damages at the current location.

(2) No action alternative – This alternative is not feasible as the repairs are necessary to ensure that the facility remains operational and in the current location to perform its designed function. The hospital provides essential emergency healthcare to the community. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts may be experienced.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Fiona EHP, San Juan Industrial Park, Quebrada Arenas Ward, Carr. 1 km 25.3, San Juan, PR, 00926, or by emailing FEMA-EHP-FIONA-4671-mailbox@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line PR-4671-PW 705, Servicios de Salud Episcopales Inc., at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

Important: THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING

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