FEMA Will Obligate \$554 Million to the Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration

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Guaynabo, Puerto Rico – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Government of Puerto Rico, announced that a federal share obligation of \$554.25 million for the Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration, known as PRPHA, will be finalized on Monday. The funds will go toward rebuilding thousands of its facilities on the island that were damaged as a result of Hurricane María.

This funding obligation will provide the PRPHA with a recovery budget from which they can plan their longterm recovery.

"Starting the year with this historic award sets the tone for what will be a year of great progress in Puerto Rico's recovery. These funds will reach the communities that need them most," said Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator for Puerto Rico José G. Baquero.

More details about this unprecedented obligation will be offered during a press conference on Monday, January 24 with Puerto Rico Governor Pedro Pierluisi and Resident Commissioner in Washington, D.C., Jenniffer González-Colón.

"With this award for the rehabilitation of public housing, we will continue to reinforce our commitment to fostering a recovery that will benefit everyone on the island. We are marking the reconstruction of Puerto Rico with a firm pace," said the Governor.

For her part, the Resident Commissioner stated that she has "worked hand in hand with federal agencies for the disbursement of these recovery funds. As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with jurisdiction over FEMA, I will continue to oversee and work with the pertinent parties so that Puerto Rico can continue towards a path of economic development."



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