Fighting Fraud The Role of the Housing Department in Supporting Earthquake Survivors

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After a disaster, homeowners and tenants are often subject to fraud. Therefore, in accordance with 87 FR 6364, The Puerto Rico Department of Housing will take appropriate measures for beneficiaries of allocations in response to the Earthquakes of 2019-2020 and Tropical Storm Isaías know the risks of contractor fraud and other potentially fraudulent activities that can occur in communities recovering from disasters.

The Puerto Rico Department of Housing undertakes to provide beneficiaries of the CDBG-DR Program with information on possible fraudulent activities, how fraud can be avoided and with which local or state agencies should be contacted to act and protect the investment of the beneficiary and the concessionaire. If a beneficiary of the CDBG-DR Program experiences fraud by a contractor or other type of fraud, they must report the activity to The Puerto Rico Department of Housing immediately. PRDOH will assist the affected CDBG-DR Program beneficiary and determine whether he is eligible for additional assistance as a result of the fraudulent activity.

If you know or suspect someone has committed fraud please contact your case manager or through some of the following forums:

- Phone: 787-274-2135
- Email: hotlineCDBG@vivienda.pr.gov
- Web page: <u>cdbg-dr.pr.gov/en/Fraud</u>



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