



FY 2024 Community Funding Project Requests

NOTE: *The projects are listed alphabetically by intended recipient*

Project Title: Boys and Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico Arecibo Clubhouse Construction Project

Proposed Recipient: Boys and Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico

Recipient Address: 501 R.H. Todd Avenue, San Juan, PR 00907

Amount Requested: \$4,000,000

Explanation: This project would fund construction of a new Boys and Girls Clubs clubhouse in the Municipality of Arecibo. Construction would include renovating a 7,500 square foot building, making improvements to athletic courts, remodeling parking lot, installation of ramps required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, building additional classrooms, a computer lab, offices and meeting rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and kitchenette. The project would expand services available to youth and families and increase opportunities for academic and economic advancement in low-income areas of Puerto Rico. The new club site could also assist with emergency response in the aftermath of natural disasters.

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Project Title: AYANI Centers for Children and Adults with Disabilities Capital Improvements Project

Proposed Recipient: Centro de Ayuda y Terapia al Niño con Impedimento, Inc. (Centro AYANI, Inc.)

Recipient Address: 140 Monseñor José Torres Street, Moca, PR 00676

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Explanation: This project would fund improvements to Centro AYANI, Inc.'s three centers for children and adults with disabilities located in the municipalities of Moca, Aguadilla, and Camuy. Specifically, funds would be used to equip these three locations with solar panels and water well systems and renovate the parking area in the locations of Moca and Aguadilla in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The organization would also buy the current Aguadilla location, and either buy or build a new space for the Camuy location. These investments would improve accessibility and services for disabled citizens living in Puerto Rico, particularly in the western region.

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Project Title: Utuado Domestic Violence Non-Congregate Emergency Shelter Improvements and Rehabilitation

Proposed Recipient: Fundación Alas a la Mujer, Inc.

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 360205, San Juan, PR 00936

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Explanation: This project would fund structural improvements to and the rehabilitation of a non-congregate emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence in Utuado, Puerto Rico. It would include repairs to its three-story building; the construction of a ramp, elevator, and removal of other structural barriers to meet American with Disabilities Acts (ADA) requirements; and the acquisition and installation of a 25-kilowatt power generator and a water cistern to ensure the shelter can continue operating and offering services to victims during and after emergencies. The facility is owned and operated by Fundación Alas a la Mujer, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides services to victims of domestic violence. The project would help fulfill the need for an emergency shelter with adequate facilities to temporarily house and serve victims of domestic violence in Puerto Rico's rural, interior mountain region, including the municipalities of Utuado, Adjuntas, Jayuya, and Lares.

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Project Title: Hogar Albergue de Niños de San Germán Rehabilitation and Construction Project

Proposed Recipient: Hogar Albergue de Niños de San Germán, Inc.

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 1375, San Germán, PR 00683

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Explanation: This project would fund planning, design, and construction at the facilities of Hogar Albergue de Niños de San Germán, to expand and increase capacity. The funds would cover construction to relocate the main kitchen, playground, and isolation room, as well as expand the center to include more bedrooms, additional office space for mental health specialists, storage, and laundry room space, among other improvements. Hogar Albergue de Niños de San Germán, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides services to children from the ages of 0-12 who are under custody of the state.

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Project Title: Police Patrol Vehicles, Security Camera System, and Equipment for the Añasco Municipal Police

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Añasco

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 1385, Añasco, PR 00610

Amount Requested: \$400,000

Explanation: This project would improve public safety in the Municipality of Añasco by funding the acquisition of four police patrol vehicles, a security camera system, and other equipment for the municipal police department. These additional assets, resources, and technological tools would enhance local policing activities, providing needed capabilities to ensure municipal police officers can effectively combat crime and carry out their law enforcement responsibilities.

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Project Title: Barceloneta Senior Center and Assisted Living Facility Construction

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Barceloneta

Recipient Address: 35 Georgetti Street, Barceloneta, PR 00617

Amount Requested: \$4,000,000

Explanation: This project would fund the construction of a new senior center and assisted living facility in the Municipality of Barceloneta to address the increasing need for additional, affordable housing for the town's elderly population. The project will consist of a two-story complex with sixteen (16) one-bedroom apartment units for low-income senior citizens receiving assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). The facility will also serve as a senior center, providing space for both residents and seniors from the surrounding communities to gather, recreate, and receive services.

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Project Title: Ciudad de Oro Senior Housing Construction Project

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Isabela

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 507, Isabela, PR 00662

Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

Explanation: This project would fund design and construction to rehabilitate and expand an abandoned building in the Municipality of Isabela and convert it to a housing complex for seniors. The project will remodel the current structure in accordance with current construction codes and regulations, improve sewer and electrical systems, and expand through new construction to accommodate 40 housing units and office space for constituents over the age of 60. This project would support housing and services for elderly citizens and increase housing stock in Puerto Rico.

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Project Title: Police Patrol Boat, Patrol Vehicles, Radios, and Equipment for the Lajas Municipal Police

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Lajas

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 910, Lajas, PR 00667

Amount Requested: \$530,000

Explanation: This project would improve public safety in the Municipality of Lajas by funding the acquisition of a police patrol boat; ten patrol vehicles, which include two patrol all-terrain vehicles, four personal patrol electric vehicles/mobility scooters, and four personal patrol two-wheeled transporters; radios, and other equipment for the municipal police department. These additional assets, resources, and tools would enhance local policing activities, providing needed capabilities to ensure municipal police officers can effectively combat crime and carry out their law enforcement responsibilities.

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Project Title: Police Patrol Vehicles for the Loíza Municipal Police

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Loíza

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 508, Loíza, PR 00772

Amount Requested: \$605,000

Explanation: This project would improve public safety in the Municipality of Loíza by funding the acquisition of ten fully equipped police patrol vehicles for the municipal police department. These additional assets would enhance local policing activities, providing needed resources to ensure municipal police officers can increase patrols along Loíza's streets and communities to deter, prevent, and combat criminal activity.

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Project Title: Mobile Security Cameras System and Law Enforcement Equipment for the Maunabo Municipal Police

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Maunabo

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 8, Maunabo, PR 00707

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Explanation: This project would improve public safety in the Municipality of Maunabo by funding the acquisition of six mobile, solar-powered surveillance camera systems, as well as law enforcement equipment for the municipal police department. These additional assets, resources, and technological tools would enhance local policing activities, providing needed capabilities to ensure municipal police officers can effectively combat crime and carry out their law enforcement responsibilities.

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Project Title: Police Patrol Vehicles, Security Camera Systems, Radio Communications System, and Equipment for the Moca Municipal Police

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Moca

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 1571, Moca, PR 00676

Amount Requested: \$803,000

Explanation: This project would improve public safety in the Municipality of Moca by funding the acquisition of five police patrol vehicles, which include one police responder pickup truck, two police interceptor SUVs, and two personal patrol electric vehicles/mobility scooters; a mobile, solar-powered surveillance camera system; a video surveillance system; a digital radio communications system; and other equipment for the municipal police department. These additional assets, resources, and technological tools would enhance local policing activities, providing needed capabilities to ensure municipal police officers can effectively combat crime and carry out their law enforcement responsibilities.

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Project Title: Police Patrol Vehicles, Security Camera System, Body-Worn Cameras, and Equipment for the Vega Baja Municipal Police

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Vega Baja

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 4555, Vega Baja, PR 00694

Amount Requested: \$533,000

Explanation: This project would improve public safety in the Municipality of Vega Baja by funding the acquisition of four police patrol vehicles, a surveillance security camera system, body-worn cameras, and other equipment for the municipal police department. These additional assets, resources, and technological tools would enhance local policing activities, providing needed capabilities to ensure municipal police officers can effectively combat crime and carry out their law enforcement responsibilities.

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Project Title: Barrio Duey (Duey Ward) Water Pumping Station Construction Project

Proposed Recipient: Municipality of Yauco

Recipient Address: P.O. Box 1, Yauco, PR 00698

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Explanation: This project would build a new water pumping station in Barrio Duey (Duey Ward) in the Municipality of Yauco. The new water pumping station would connect a well that has been tested and deemed safe to a potable water distribution system and serve 8 communities directly. This project would support essential services by increasing access to safe drinking water in rural areas of Puerto Rico.

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Project Title: Learning Center for Children with Disabilities Expansion Project

Proposed Recipient: Sociedad Pro Hospital del Niño, Inc.

Recipient Address: 1490 Road 19, Monacillo Ward, Guaynabo, PR 00920

Amount Requested: \$3,100,000

Explanation: This project would expand the Centro del Aprendizaje del Niño, a learning center for children with special needs run by the Sociedad Pro Hospital del Niño. The new annex consists of two floors and a bridge that connects the Center to the existing Hospital del Niño structure for a total of 14,297 square feet. The learning center will be located on the first floor, and it will include 14 classrooms for up to 120 preschool-age children, a gym, indoor patio, and a garden. The second floor will include the connecting bridge and additional workspace to offer outpatient therapy services, administrative offices, and a room for seminars and conferences for parents, teachers, and health care professionals. This project would increase learning services for children with special needs in Puerto Rico.

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Project Title: Large-Scale Mangrove Restoration and Rehabilitation in the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Puerto Rico

Proposed Recipient: The Ocean Foundation

Recipient Address: 1320 19th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036

Amount Requested: \$1,233,334

Explanation: This project would fund and expand a large-scale mangrove restoration and rehabilitation project in the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve—Puerto Rico’s second largest estuary and part of NOAA’s National Estuarine Research Reserve System—to repair lingering damage caused to its coastal mangrove forest structure by the 2017 hurricanes. It will be conducted by The Ocean Foundation, alongside the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources. The project will include both hydrological restoration and up to 724 acres of mangrove reforestation using the SAFE-Site method, which entails the creation of mangrove “dispersion centers” that enhance natural regeneration. The mangrove reforestation activities are expected to increase coastal resilience and contribute to hurricane-wind and flood protection for the surrounding communities and the critical power-generating assets that directly

border the Jobos Bay estuary, while improving fisheries and migratory bird habitat in the intervention area.

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