

A Trip Around the Island: On the Road to Resilience

Foundation for Puerto Rico begins process of visits to listen and guide the communities around the island.

(San Juan, P.R.)—Foundation for Puerto Rico (FPR) announced today that they began their visits to communities around the island with the purpose of listening and guiding the public, non-profit organizations, non-government organizations, and organizations sponsored by the government, about their Whole Community Resilience Planning (WCRP) program.

The first community meeting was held this past Wednesday in Culebra with the participation of more than 20 members of community organizations, including *Mujeres de Islas*, *Proyecto Siembra*, *Proyecto Launch*, *Arte para SanArte*, *Asociación Educativa*, *Green Culebra*, *Organización El Legado*, The Puerto Rican Episcopal Church, among others.

“One integral part of the program is to involve, listen, and provide the community with the necessary information so that they participate and know what the process is for designing their resilience plans. These methods allow the communities, especially those at high risk, to be ready for future emergencies,” indicated Annie Mayol, president and COO of FPR.

Participate in the visits to communities around the island.

In March and April, the Foundation will make a trip through all of Puerto Rico. On the Road towards Resilience, two meetings will be held per region (divided by color on the map), one with non-profit organizations and the other with towns. During this first session, FPR will listen to the necessities of each community and will provide relevant information about the Program.





The next meetings will be:

March 12- Project PECES in Humacao

March 19- Fortín Conde de Marisol in Vieques

March 20- C3Tec in Caguas

March 22- CMTAS in Yauco

The people and organizations that are interested in participating in the meetings, can write an email to wcrp@foundationpr.org. The dates of the next meetings will be announced during the month of March.

The Housing Department (DV), through the Community Development Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) given by federal funding, provided \$37.5 million for this program. The assignment of these funds is through the Plan of Action, approved by the DV and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that puts into action several programs and activities directed towards recovery and that benefit the communities affected by the hurricanes Irma and Maria.

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About Foundation for Puerto Rico

Foundation for Puerto Rico is a non-profit organization founded in 2011, that impules opportunities for the social and economic development of Puerto Rico, focusing on promoting the Visitor Economy and transforming the island into a global destination. For more information, visit www.foundationforpuertorico.org.

About the Whole Community Resilience Planning (WCRP) program

The Whole Community Resilience Planning program looks for the development of integral plans for the recovery of communities, with the goal of reducing their vulnerability and protecting lives and property in future dangers. With this, the communities will be more resilient in the future and they will impulse the economic development of Puerto Rico. For more information, visit www.foundationforpuertorico.org/wcrp.