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Background

Hurricanes Irma and María compounded the alimentary challenges significantly by causing a loss of over 80 percent (80%) of crop value and over $780 million in immediate economic damages to agriculture.

Through its Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding, Puerto Rico Department of Housing is addressing the unmet economic development needs on the island to encourage long-term, sustainable revitalization across industries and sectors through a suite of economic development programs.

The Re-Grow Puerto Rico Urban and Rural Agriculture (RGRW) Program was designed to spur economic recovery specifically in the agriculture sector. The total allocation for the Re-Grow Program is ninety-two million five hundred thousand dollars ($92,500,000) but is subject to change with additional CDBG-DR Action Plan Amendments.

The Puerto Rico Science, Technology & Research Trust is the subrecipient partner to carry out the Re-Grow Puerto Rico Program to provide grants and technical assistance to eligible applicant entities.

Eligible Entities

- Small farms and/or farmers
- Food producers, manufacturers, distributors, or suppliers engaged in local food production or distribution
- Community based organizations involved in food production or distribution
- Agricultural microenterprises (5 employees or less)
- Fishing and aquaculture Apiculture

Non-Eligible Entities

- Anyone listed on HUD's opt-out / ban
- Entities that participate in political and / or lobbying activities
- Entities that participate or are involved in religious activities, except those in which such expenses are clearly distinguishable between the religious and secular activities of the organization;
- Entities that have received federal assistance in the past and the required flooding insurance has not been maintained.

Eligible Costs

- Farm infrastructure
- Farm equipment and tools
- Production Supplies
- Production transportation and harvest vehicles
- Land (must be purchased or secured through long term agricultural lease).

Technical Assistance

- Assistance in completing the application
- Agricultural and business training
- Assistance in farm management or operations efficiencies.
- Assistance in obtaining farmer certifications, tax breaks, and additional locally available producer benefits
- Assistance and provision of access to laboratory services
- Capacity building tools for agro-tourism/ ecotourism.

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About the Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust:
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