

Eastern Puerto Rico

Third Round Promise Zone Designee



Lead Organization:

Local Redevelopment Authority for Roosevelt Roads

Population:

33,813

Poverty Rate:

45.77%

Unemployment rate:

17.34%

Key Partners:

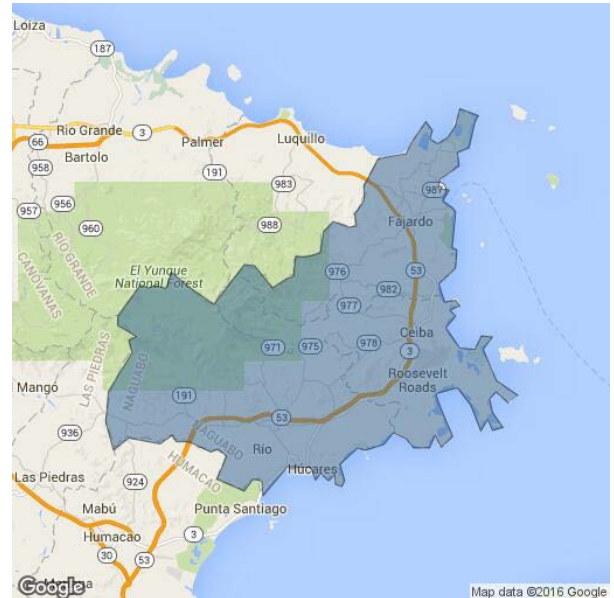
Municipalities of Ceiba; Fajardo and Naguabo; Master Developer Ariel Investment Management, LLC; Calthorpe Associates; Marine Environmental Remediation Group; MidAtlantic Shipyards LLC; Puerto Rico Fast Ferries, LLC; Flagship Services Corp; Municipal Police Departments; Puerto Rico Department of Justice; Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture; Desarrollos Planificados, Inc.; Florece Hidroponia; Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority

About the Eastern Puerto Rico Promise Zone

The Eastern Puerto Rico Promise Zone is comprised of the three communities of Ceiba, Fajardo, and Naguabo in the Northeast corner of Puerto Rico. The area suffered a big financial loss when the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station closed in 2004. The three communities affected by this closure have joined forces to form the Local Redevelopment Authority of Roosevelt (LRA). The LRA plans to not only improve community infrastructure but also to rejuvenate economic activity in the region, increase access to health care, improve educational opportunity, reduce violent crime, and jumpstart job creation. In 2013, the Navy completed the transfer of 3,409 acres and 1,600 facilities to LRA.

Leadership and Goals

The Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for Roosevelt Roads in partnership with more than 10 organizations will lead the Promise Zone initiative in Eastern Puerto Rico. With an unemployment rate of 17.34%, job creation is a key priority for the region. The LRA plan to spearhead job growth by partnering with MidAtlantic Shipyards to construct the Roosevelt Roads Marina, attracting film and TV projects, and building an advance ship recycling facility.



The LRA master plan is also designed to provide better infrastructure and access to education and healthcare.

The LRA's goals include:

- Increasing economic activity by introducing a "Fast Ferry" service and refurbishing neglected hotels
- Improving educational opportunities by investing in science and math education and creating a Roosevelt Roads Science Park
- Promoting community safety by creating a prisoner reentry program
- Supporting wellness by establishing a food hub and promoting healthy food options
- Upgrading community infrastructure by refurbishing 505,000 square feet of existing facilities and leveraging community financing

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Access to Capital
 Asset Building
 Business Assistance
 Community Capacity Building
 Economic Development
 Education
 Healthy Food Access
 Health
 Housing
 Human Services and Family Support
 Community Infrastructure
 Public Safety
 Workforce Development

Promise Zone Fact Sheet

U.S. Department of Agriculture													
Community Facilities Grant Program	●					☐		☐			☐	☐	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-Community-Facilities-Program.pdf
Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program				☐		●	☐						https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-Community-Food-Projects.pdf
Farm To School Grants				☐	☐	●	☐						https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-F2S-Benefits-Summary.pdf
Farmers Market Promotion Program				☐		●	☐						https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-Farmers-Market-Promotion-Program.pdf
Farmers Market SNAP Support Grant				☐		●							https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-FMSSG.pdf
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Nutrition Education Grant (FDPNE)						●	☐						https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-FDPIR-Benefits-Summary.pdf
Housing Preservation Grants				☐				●					https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-Housing-Preservation-Grants.pdf
Local Food Promotion Program				☐		●	☐						https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-Local-Food-Promotion-Program.pdf
Rural Community Development Initiative	☐			●	☐							☐	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-Rural-Community-Developments-Initiative.pdf
Self-Help 523 TA Grants				☐				●				☐	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-USDA-Self-Help-523-TA-Grants.pdf
SNAP Process and Technology Improvement Grants						☐			●				https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Factsheet-SNAP-Process-and-Technology-Improvement-Grants.pdf
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Economic Development Assistance Programs	☐		☐		●								https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-EDA-EconomicDevelopmentAssistance.pdf
Corporation for National and Community Service													
AmeriCorps VISTA				●									https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-CNCS-AmeriCorpsVista.pdf
Operation AmeriCorps				●	☐	☐	☐						https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HHS-OperationAmeriCorps.pdf
U.S. Department of Education													
Charter Schools Program Replication and Expansion Grant						●							https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-ED-CharterSchoolsProgramGrants.pdf
Native Youth Community Projects						●							https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-ED-Native-Youth-Community-Projects.pdf
Performance Partnership						●							https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-ED-Performance-Partnership.pdf
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services													
Assets for Independence		●											https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HHS-AssetsforIndependence.pdf
Community Economic Development Program	☐				●	☐						☐	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HHS-CED.pdf
Community Economic Development Program - Healthy Food Financing Initiative Program	☐				☐		●					☐	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HHS-CED-HFFI.pdf
Community Services Block Grants		☐		●	☐	☐	☐	☐	●	☐	☐	☐	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HHS-Community-Services-Block-Grant.pdf
Health Centers Program								●					https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HHS-Healthy-Start.pdf
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program									●				https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HHS-Teen-Pregnancy-Prevention.pdf

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development														
Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant	☐	☐		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	●	☐	☐	☐	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HUD-ChoiceNeighborhoodsImplement.pdf	
Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant	☐	☐		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	●	☐	☐	☐	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HUD-ChoiceNeighborhoodsPlanning.pdf	
Community Development Block Grant for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages				●									https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HUD-ICDBG.pdf	
Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program								●					https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HUD-LBPHC.pdf	
Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program								●					https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-HUD-LHRD.pdf	
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COPS Hiring Program												●	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-DOJ-CHP.pdf	
U.S. Department of Labor														
Face Forward - Youth													●	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-DOL-Face-Forward.pdf
Training to Work-Adult													●	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-DOL-Training-to-Work-3.pdf
YouthBuild									☐				●	https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-DOL-YouthBuild.pdf
National Endowment for the Arts														
Our Town													See NEA Overview	
U.S. Small Business Administration														
Clusters Initiative				●									https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-SBA-Clusters.pdf	
HUB Zone Program			☐	●									https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-SBA-HUBZone.pdf	
Office of Entrepreneurship Education			●	☐									https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-SBA-Entrepreneurship-Education.pdf	
Office of Native American Affairs			●	☐									https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-SBA-ONAA.pdf	
Program for Investment in Micro-Entrepreneurs (PRIME)	●			☐									https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-SBA-PRIME.pdf	
Women's Business Centers			●	☐									https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-SBA-WomensBusinessCenters.pdf	
U.S. Department of the Treasury														
New Markets Tax Credit Program	●		☐	☐		☐					☐		https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/Promise-Zones-Fact-Sheets-SBA-WomensBusinessCenters.pdf	