

CDBG-MIT PROGRAM COMMUNITY ENERGY AND WATER RESILIENCE INSTALLATIONS PROGRAM-HOUSEHOLD

ROUND REFERENCE GUIDE PROGRAM ROUND NO. 2024-01-080 AWARDING SUBPROGRAM: CEWRI-HERI

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1. OVERVIEW

The Round Reference Guide is issued by the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (**PRDOH**) with regard to Program Round No. 2024-01-080 of the Community Energy and Water Resilience Installations – Households (**CEWRI-HH**) Program. The CEWRI-HH Program administers two (2) Subprograms: Home Energy Resilience Improvements Program (**CEWRI-HERI**) and Incentive Program (**CEWRI-IP**). The CEWRI-HH Program Guidelines are available in English and Spanish at https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/en/ and https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/en/ and https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/en/

PRDOH implements CEWRI-HH in Program Rounds to manage application processing and the installation capacities of PRDOH and the industry. Application slots are made available through the web, call centers, and intake center venues. Web application slots are distributed into **six (6)** distinct regions to equally spread the Program's benefits across the Island. The regions are depicted in the map shown next.



The Round Reference Guide sets forth the amount of funding allocated, the maximum quantity of applications to be accepted, reference costs and award caps for award

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calculations, eligible income ranges, and the schedule for the CEWRI-HH Program Round No. 2024-01-080.

2. ROUND DESCRIPTION

The following is a summary of the information for the CEWRI-HH Program Round subject to the Round Reference Guide.

General Information of the Round

Round No	
Budget Allocation:	\$180,000,000
Program Round Ticket Distribution Start Date:	January 31, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
Program Round Ticket Distribution Closing Date:	

Awarding Subprogram and Caps for the Round

Awarding Subprogram	New Energy Program (CEWRI-HERI)
Maximum Award	\$30,000.00

Reference Costs for the Round

Photovoltaic System Reference Cost	\$3,325.22 / kW ¹
Battery Storage System Reference Cost	\$983.61 / kWh²

Minimum and Maximum System Capacities for the Round

Minimum Photovoltaic System Capacity	
Maximum Photovoltaic System Capacity Based on Annual Energy Consumption	
Minimum Battery Storage System Capacity9 kWh	
Maximum Battery Storage System Capacity	

Minimum Eligible Income Range for the Round

Minimum HUD Area Median Income Category	0%
Minimum HUD Area Median Income Category Year	2023 ³
Minimum for a 1 Person Household	\$0 / year
Minimum for a 2 Person Household	\$0 / year
Minimum for a 3 Person Household	\$0 / year
Minimum for a 4 Person Household	\$0 / year
Minimum for a 5 Person Household	

¹ The Round will consider a Photovoltaic System Reference Cost of \$4,322.78 / kW for awards to properties in Vieques and Culebra.

² The Round will consider a Battery Storage System Reference Cost of \$1,278.69 / kWh for awards to properties in Vieques and Culebra.

³ Minimum income limits are based on HUD's latest publication for Puerto Rico CDBG-DR at https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.huduser.gov%2Fportal%2Fdatasets%2FCDBG% 2FFY-2023-PR-DR-Income-Limits.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK. HUD's latest income limits are published at https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5334/cdbg-income-limits/. The Program is required to use the latest income limits for Puerto Rico CDBG-DR for its income reviews, even if such income limits were published after this Round Reference Guide's publication date.

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•	Minimum for a 6 Person Household	.\$0 / year
•	Minimum for a 7 Person Household	.\$0 / year
•	Minimum for an 8 Person Household	.\$0 / year

Maximum Eligible Income Range for the Round

Maximum HUD Area Median Income Category	80%
Maximum HUD Area Median Income Category Year	20234
Maximum for a 1 Person Household	\$33,600 / year
Maximum for a 2 Person Household	\$38,400 / year
Maximum for a 3 Person Household	\$43,200 / year
 Maximum for a 4 Person Household 	\$48,000 / year
Maximum for a 5 Person Household	\$51,850 / year
Maximum for a 6 Person Household	\$55,700 / year
Maximum for a 7 Person Household	\$59,550 / year
Maximum for an 8 Person Household	\$63,400 / year

Application Slots for the Round

Maximum Applications to be Accepted	000 3
 Maximum Web Applications	
Region 01	
Region 02	666
• Region 03	667
• Region 04	666
• Region 05	667
Region 06	667
 Maximum Intake Center Application Slots 	
Aguadilla Intake Center	100
Hatillo Intake Center	100
Caguas Intake Center	100
Fajardo Intake Center	100
Mayagüez Intake Center	100
Orocovis Intake Center	100
Ponce Intake Center	100
San Juan Intake Center	100
Vega Alta Intake Center	100

⁴ Maximum income limits are based on HUD's latest publication for Puerto Rico CDBG-DR at https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.huduser.gov%2Fportal%2Fdatasets%2FCDBG% 2FFY-2023-PR-DR-Income-Limits.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK. HUD's latest income limits are published at https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5334/cdbg-income-limits/. The Program is required to use HUD's latest income limits for Puerto Rico CDBG-DR for its income reviews, even if such income limits were published after this Round Reference Guide's publication date.

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Awards will be issued to eligible households that submit a System in compliance with CEWRI-HH Program requirements. Any Application found non-compliant with the income range for a particular Program Round will be deemed ineligible for the assistance under that specific round. The determination of income range round ineligibility does not preclude the round-specific ineligible Applicant from submitting another Application under a subsequent round.

3. APPLICATION INTAKE PROCESS

Applications will be submitted to the CEWRI-HH Program through a two-step process:

Step 01: Program Application Tickets Distribution: Available application slots for the Program Round will be distributed to Applicants passing an initial screening process regarding the Program Round's eligibility criteria. Applicants will provide contact, physical address information and answer questions on household composition, property ownership or proprietary interest, primary residence, citizenship, and household income level, among other minimum requirements. Each Applicant passing the initial screening process will be provided a **CEWRI-HH Program Ticket** which will allow the Applicant to, within **one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days** of the ticket being issued, gather the data and documentation required for the submission of a complete application to the Program. CEWRI-IP Application slots will only be distributed to citizens that have an Installation Agreement, with a Program-approved Renewable Energy Installation Company (**REIC**), already executed at the time of the tickets' distribution.⁵

Step 02: Program Applications Intake: Applicants with a CEWRI-HH Program Ticket will gather the data and documentation required for the submission of a CEWRI-HH Program Application. The documentation includes the Applicant's household information, the Participating Property's information, and the System Quote or Installation Agreement, as applicable, from a Program-approved REIC of the Applicant's choosing. The CEWRI-HH Program Ticket will include instructions and the list of documents required for application submission. The CEWRI-HH Program Ticket will also include the list of Program-approved REICs. The list of Programapproved REICs is available and updated regularly at https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/en/ (English) and https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/ (Spanish).

⁵ Leases, power purchase agreements, or other financing instruments that delegate, in whole or in part, ownership of the installed PVS and/or BSS are ineligible.

Interested single-family homeowners may request a CEWRI-HH Program Ticket under Program Round No. 2024-01-080, using one of the following methods:

- Online, via the CEWRI-HH Application Portal at https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/ (Spanish);
- By phone, calling 1-833-233-2324; or
- In person, by visiting a CEWRI-HH Intake Center.

CEWRI-HH Program Tickets will be distributed until the maximum number of applications to be accepted is reached, as set forth in this Round Reference Guide. PRDOH reserves the right to increase the maximum quantity of applications to be accepted at any time between the Program Round Ticket Distribution Start and Closing dates.

Once a ticket is obtained, complete applications for Program Round No. 2024-01-080 may be submitted:

- Through the CEWRI-HH Application Portal at https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/ (Spanish); or
- By visiting a CEWRI-HH Intake Center.

Location and additional information on CEWRI-HH Intake Centers, such as hours of operation and telephone numbers, can be found online at <u>https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/en/</u> (English) and <u>https://nuevaenergia.pr.gov/</u> (Spanish).

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