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PUERTO RICO FEDERAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

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The Honorable Raul Grijalva

Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Governor of Puerto Rico, the Honorable Pedro R. Pierluisi, I want to thank you for holding the “Puerto Rico’s Post-Disaster Reconstruction & Power Grid Development” hearing last week and giving the Government of Puerto Rico the opportunity to inform the members of the Committee on Natural Resources on the progress of the reconstruction and recovery process of our Island.

As requested, I’m enclosing a status summary of the federal funds for the reconstruction of public schools impacted by the multiple natural disasters. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at cfeliciano@prfaa.pr.gov or Zoé Valentín, Policy Coordinator and Special Assistant, at zvalentin@prfaa.pr.gov.

Regards,

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Executive Director

Enclosures: Puerto Rico Public Schools Federal Funding Summary



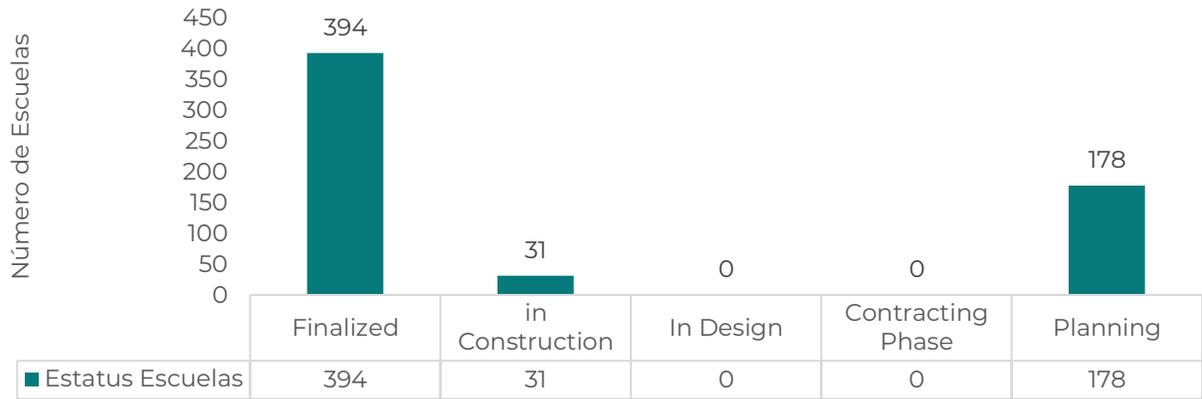
Puerto Rico Public Schools Federal Funding Summary

OBLIGATED FEDERAL FUNDING

Fund Program	Program Name	Total Program Budget	Under Contract Investment	Schools Impacted	School in Planning
ARP	Short Column Program (Reduce Seismic Vulnerability)	\$276M	\$255M	425	178
ESSERII	Safety and Security Rehabilitation Program	\$193.5M	\$103M	325	200
FEMA-4339	Hurricane Maria Permanent Work (FAAST)	\$2,294M	\$12.0M	1	272
FEMA-4473	Earthquake Permanent Work	\$240M	\$535k	1	148



ARP SHORT COLUMN PROGRAM STATUS



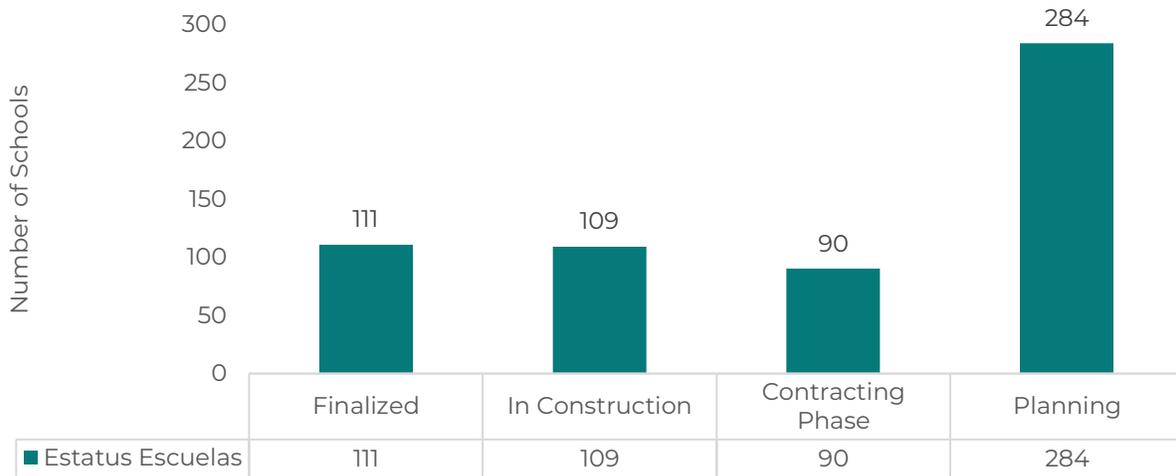
- Obligated: **\$255,656,971.50**
- Pending Contract: **\$21,151,620.45**
- Schools Under Contract: **425**
- Schools in Planning: **178**
- Short Columns Impacted: **39,887**



ESSERII - SAFETY AND SECURITY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

This initiative plans to impact 500 schools that need repairs to guarantee a safe a healthy environment for students that returned to in person learning after covid-19. For this PRDE has established a workplan with a current budget of \$193.5M to impact close to 500 schools that need urgent roof sealing, mold remediation, and light repairs.

Estatus Escuelas - Iniciativa Sellado de Techos



TIMELINE - 178 SCHOOLS

	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23'	Jun-23	Jul-23'	Ago-23'
Bids per month	60	86	130	160	178				
Notice to Proceed			20	50	89	139	172	178	178
Completed Schools							15	35	65



TIMELINE – 284 SCHOOLS

	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23'	Jun-23	Jul-23'	Ago-23'
Bids per month	84	134	184	234	284				
Notice to Proceed		84	134	184	234	284			
Completed Schools					84	134	184	234	284



FEMA- LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Under FEMA, the Puerto Rico Department of Education (PRDE) has two active grants that have obligated funds for permanent work:

- 1. Hurricane Irma & Maria (FEMA-4339)-** PRDE has submitted to FEMA a total of 78 projects for review totaling an estimated investment of \$192M dollars towards repair. To date, 43 projects have been approved for \$110M.
- 2. Earthquake (FEMA-4473)-** PRDE has submitted to FEMA a total of 149 projects for review totaling an estimated investment of \$280M dollars towards repair. To date, 129 projects have been approved for \$240M.

Currently, PRDE is publishing bids and has 1 school under contract for permanent work with another 7 schools in the contracting phase. Below is PRDE's estimated schedule for the publication of the approved projects.

	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23'	Jun-23	Jul-23'	Ago-23'
Bids per month	32	43	54	59	66	75	90	102	112
Notice to Proceed		32	43	54	59	66	75	90	102
Completed Schools							32	43	54