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GHURA to Host Town Hall Meetings for Public Input on CDBG-DR Action Plan

Sinajana, Guam (March 5, 2025) – The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) invites the community to participate in town hall meetings to provide input on the use of \$500.8 million in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for long-term recovery following Typhoon Mawar in 2023.

As the designated grant administrator, GHURA is responsible for developing an Action Plan to ensure these funds address unmet needs in housing, infrastructure and public facilities, economic revitalization, and mitigation in disaster-impacted areas. This grant opportunity is only in the beginning stages, community feedback is essential in shaping funding priorities that reflect the needs of Guam's residents.

To engage the public and learn about this grant, GHURA will host town hall meetings in key locations across the island, including a virtual session, on the following dates:

•	Monday, March 17	Santa Rita Community Center	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
•	Tuesday, March 18	Mangilao Community Center	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
•	Wednesday, March 19	Dededo Senior Citizens Center	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
•	Thursday, March 20	Tamuning Community Center	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

• Virtual Session: Friday, March 21, via YouTube Live on the CDBG-DR website (<u>www.guamcdbgdr.org</u>), from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

These town hall meetings provide an opportunity for residents, businesses, and stakeholders to learn about the grant and provide input to help shape Guam's disaster recovery plan. Public and Stakeholder input will be accepted in writing and will contribute to the development of an Unmet Needs Assessment. Email and delivery addresses can be found at <u>www.guamcdbgdr.org</u>. GHURA is committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and community-driven solutions in utilizing these federal recovery funds.

Additionally, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved GHURA's Administration Action Plan to access administrative funds from the grant award. This plan is available for public review at www.guamcdbgdr.org.

GHURA strongly encourages public participation in these critical meetings to help in recovery and strengthen Guam's resilience.