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Mr. Juan C. Blanco Urrutia
Executive Director
Office of Management and Budget
Government of Puerto Rico

Re: FOMB Response to various Budgetary Reprogramming Requests

Dear Mr. Blanco,

This letter is in response to various budgetary reprogramming requests submitted by various government agencies through the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) to the Financial Oversight and Management Board (“FOMB”) for review and approval. The following agencies’ requests are resolved herein:

A. Prior Year Fund Releases

The following tables list the previous year’s unused balance release requests considered in this letter. The following agency requests are resolved herein:

1. 2023-53111 Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (050) – Requests a prior year fund release from the environmental emergency fund to cover several unexpected environmental emergencies.

Request	Resolution	Agency	Fund	Account	Amount	Date of extension
53111	Approved	Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (050)	SRF	226-0140000-780-1998	\$9,457,414	June 30, 2023

B. Intra-Governmental Transfers

After review and pursuant to the Oversight Board’s authority, we approve these intra-governmental transfers as presented in the tables below. The approved amounts considered do not modify the Commonwealth’s total budgetary spending amount. OMB should communicate to the Department of Treasury the availability of said funds, as well as notify agencies of their granted access to the balances. The transfers should be completed at a cost object level as indicated in Appendix A, attached hereto.

1. 2023-53068 Puerto Rico Police Bureau (040) – Requests an Interagency Transfer from Appropriations under the custody of the Office of Management and Budget to cover operational expenditures related to the Police Academy. These expenses include the purchase of materials and supplies, as well as food and equipment for the kitchen.

General Fund (GF)			From		To	
Request	Resolution	Agency	OpEX	Payroll	OpEX	Payroll
53068	Approved	Assignments under the Custody of the Office of Management and Budget (017)	\$ (302,000)			
		Puerto Rico Police Bureau (040)			\$ 302,000	

2. 2023-53554 Puerto Rico Department of Justice (038) – Requests an interagency transfer from Assignments under the Custody of the Office of Management and Budget to the Department of Justice to cover the costs of four civil court sentences against the State.

General Fund (GF)			From		To	
Request	Resolution	Agency	OpEX	Payroll	OpEX	Payroll
53554	Approved	Assignments under the Custody of the Office of Management and Budget (017)	\$ (45,629)			
		Puerto Rico Department of Justice (038)			\$ 45,629	

C. Closed Budgetary Reprogramming Requests

The following government agencies did not submit the additional information requested during the review process or did not submit enough information to provide a decision on a timely basis. Therefore, these reappropriation requests will be marked as incomplete and closed by the FOMB.

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1. 2023-52193 Puerto Rico Technology and Innovation Services (271) – Requests a reapportionment of \$750,000 within Payroll and Related Costs concept; from salaries to hire 9 transitory positions for Roosevelt Roads data center project and salaries to hire regular vacant positions object costs to salaries for trust employees to cover a projected overspend of \$478K under salaries for trust employees and hire 8 vacant trust positions with new salary scales.

Observation: This request to implement new salary scales requires further review and analysis from the Office of the Administration and Transformation of Human Resources (“OATR”) and the OMB to ensure a level of uniformity and consistency throughout the Government. Given the time required for OATR and OMB to complete these processes, the Oversight Board has determined to close this budgetary request. Upon receipt of the supporting documents and approvals for the new salary scales, the Agency may resubmit the budgetary reprogramming request for review and approval of the Oversight Board.

Furthermore, OMB should allocate the above-mentioned amounts to the appropriate PRIFAS accounts and communicate their current budgetary allocations by cost object to the agency.

We trust the foregoing answers all included requests and look forward to continuing our work together for the benefit of the people of Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Mujica, Jr.

Executive director

Cc: Hon. Omar Marrero Díaz
Hon. Francisco Parés Alicea
Hon. Anaís Rodríguez
Hon. Alexis Torres
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APPENDIX A

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Reapportionments tables

Included are the budgetary transfers to be completed by OMB. The agency should notify the governmental agency of the approval of petitions, the completion of budgetary transfers, and their available budgetary resources as allocated after the transfers.

General Fund Transfers:

2023-53068 Assignments under the custody of the Office of Management and Budget (17)					
Code	Cost Concept	FY23: Certified Budget	FY23: Budget As is	FY23: Requested Transfer	FY23: Revised Budget
7	For operational expenses of the Police Academy	302,000	302,000	(302,000)	-

2023-53068 Puerto Rico Police Department (40)					
Code	Cost Concept	FY23: Certified Budget	FY23: Budget As is	FY23: Requested Transfer	FY23: Revised Budget
	Other materials and supplies	4,996,000	4,996,000	257,445	5,253,445
10	Materials & Supplies	4,996,000	4,996,000	257,445	5,253,445
	Other equipment purchases	3,285,000	3,285,000	44,555	3,329,555
11	Equipment Purchases	3,285,000	3,285,000	44,555	3,329,555

2023-53554 Assignments under the custody of the Office of Management and Budget (17)					
Code	Cost Concept	FY23: Certified Budget	FY23: Budget As is	FY23: Requested Transfer	FY23: Revised Budget
	For payments of judgements against the State	3,738,000	3,483,143	(45,629)	3,437,514
4	Donations, Subsidies and Distributions	3,738,000	3,483,143	(45,629)	3,437,514

2023-53554 Puerto Rico Department of Justice (38)					
Code	Cost Concept	FY23: Certified Budget	FY23: Budget As is	FY23: Requested Transfer	FY23: Revised Budget
	For payments of judgements against the State	-	-	45,629	45,629
4	Donations, Subsidies and Distributions	-	-	45,629	45,629