



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Director | Orlando C. Rivera Berríos

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Mr. Robert F. Mujica, Jr.
Executive Director
Financial Oversight and
Management Board for Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Mujica:

On April 28, 2025, the Financial Oversight and Management Board (FOMB) reiterated its concern regarding the Government of Puerto Rico's reliance on non-recurring federal funds and the absence of a centralized framework for their oversight. We recognize the importance of urgently addressing the fiscal and operational risks identified, particularly considering the eventual expiration of essential federal programs and the uncertainty surrounding Medicaid funding. In the aforementioned letter, the FOMB indicated that since FY2022 certain allocations have been budgeted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to implement a centralized Grants Management Office.

In response to these observations, the OMB has developed the Strategic Plan for the creation of the Grants Management Office (GMO). This plan has been discussed with the FOMB's technical team and incorporates its recommendations, ensuring that its design is fully aligned with the priorities of the Certified Fiscal Plan.

The GMO Strategic Plan presents an institutional model that:

- Establishes a centralized structure for monitoring, coordination, and compliance in the management of federal funds in Puerto Rico.
- Sets forth clear implementation phases within a 12-month period, beginning in September 2025 with the recruitment of initial staff, data centralization, and the development of public visibility dashboards.

- Includes an estimated budget of \$2.2 million, with an initial phase of \$1.2 million to be financed from the \$2 million under OMB's Custody, included in the Certified FY2026 Budget.
- Establishes measurable impact metrics in transparency, compliance (2 CFR 200), technical assistance to agencies and municipalities, and efficiency in the use of federal funds.
- Strengthens the technical capacity of agencies and municipalities, reducing reliance on contractors and promoting process standardization and institutional sustainability.

The creation of the GMO represents a decisive step in transforming government management in Puerto Rico, enabling the Government to address the risks identified by FOMB and ensuring that no federal dollar goes unused.

Through this communication, we formally submit the GMO Strategic Plan for the FOMB's consideration and respectfully request the approval and release of the funds previously allocated to initiate its immediate implementation.

We reaffirm our commitment to continue working in coordination with FOMB to strengthen fiscal discipline, ensure transparency in the use of public resources, and lead Puerto Rico toward long-term financial sustainability. These efforts are fully aligned with the Certified Fiscal Plan and FOMB's recommendations, moving forward with responsibility, institutional vision, and operational discipline.

Sincerely,



Orlando C. Rivera Berrios

Director

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Enclosure: GMO Strategic Plan