

**Health Resources and Services Administration****FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

for

Consejo de Salud de Puerto Rico (CSPR)**Proposed New Villalba Satellite Health Center****Villalba Arriba Sector, 149 State Road, KM 57.7 Villalba****Puerto Rico, 00766****HRSA Grant # C8DCS29564 129337-01****BACKGROUND**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides discretionary grant and cooperative agreement awards to support health centers expand their capacity to provide primary and preventive health care services to medically underserved populations nationwide. This proposed activity is supported through grant funding provided under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) to address pressing capital improvement needs in health centers, such as construction, repair, renovation, and equipment purchases.

PROPOSED ACTION

Consejo de Salud de Puerto Rico (CSPR) has applied for this HRSA award. The applicant proposes to use the HRSA funding to construct a new Villalba Satellite Health Center which would consist of a new 1.3-acre site to include the construction of a brick and mortar two-story 10,182 sf building facility and a parking lot with 87 spaces. The proposed project location is a 1.3-acre site that is bounded to the north by PR Road #149, to the east by a ravine with intermittent water flow, to the west by a gas station, and to the south by PR Road #589. The applicant submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) that documents impacts of the proposed action. This EA is incorporated by reference into this FONSI.

MITIGATION

This FONSI is predicated on implementation of the following mitigation measures:

- Best management practices (BMPs) will be developed and implemented during construction, such as erosion and sedimentation control (e.g. silt fences, hay bales,

revegetating disturbed soils, and maintaining site soil stockpiles) to prevent soils from eroding and dispersing offsite.


- BMPs to cover and/or wet soils during construction will be developed and implemented to minimize dust.
- During construction, operation of fuel-burning equipment will be kept to a minimum and engines will be properly maintained.
- Construction vehicles and equipment will be stored on-site and appropriate signage will be posted on affected roadways.
- Construction will take place during normal business hours and equipment machinery installed at the proposed site will meet all local, state, and federal noise regulations.
- All normal construction permits and BMPs will be used to minimize disruption to public utility services in the area.
- Should human skeletal remains or archaeological artifacts or features be encountered, all construction activities must cease at once and the SHPO contacted immediately.

CONCLUSION

HRSA hereby adopts the EA prepared by the applicant for the proposed action described above. After reviewing the assessment and the supporting materials provided by the award recipient, HRSA finds that the assessment properly documents the proposal's status of compliance with the environmental laws and requirements listed therein.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and the HHS General Administration Manual Part 30 Environmental Protection (February 25, 2000), HRSA has determined that, with the mitigation measures described above, the proposed action will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

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