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Organization	Program	Services Provided	Website	Contact
Water Mission	Safe Water Project	Water Mission is a nonprofit Christian engineering ministry providing sustainable safe water solutions, through a Christian world view perspective, to people in developing countries and disasters. To provide aid for hurricane relief, Water Mission will conduct assessments on individual water systems to best equip them with needs (e.g. generators, solar panels, etc.) to regain functionality.	https://watermission.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Safe-Water-Project-Request-Form_Rev10_28May15.pdf	Mark Baker mbaker@watermission.org 843-769-7365 P.O. Box 71489 North Charleston, South Carolina 29415 or Ana Bracho bracho.av@gmail.com 787-506-4313 P.O. Box 71489 North Charleston, South Carolina 29415
Waves for Water	Household Water Filtration System	This organization works on the front lines to provide access to clean water through the distribution of portable water filters, the digging and renovating of wells, and the construction of rainwater harvesting and storing systems in places where groundwater is not accessible.	http://www.wavesforwater.org/project/hurricaneireliefinitiative	Jorge Quintana jorge@wavesforwater.org 4470 West Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90027
Fundación Surfrider Rincón	Post-Maria Sampling	A volunteer collaboration with Rincon Beer Company Maria Relief and Costa Salud Community Health Center to provide communities accurate water quality information for fresh water sources used for drinking/domestic use following hurricane Maria. Fundación Surfrider Rincón is able to conduct EPA approved testing for fecal indicator bacteria species and other basic water quality parameters. There is an emphasis to serve remote or disadvantaged communities not otherwise served by agencies in western Puerto Rico.	https://rincon.surfrider.org/programs/post-maria-water-sampling-program/	Steve Tamar stevetamar@yahoo.com Calle Nueva #19 Rincón, Puerto Rico 00602

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Puerto Rico Science, Technology, and Research Trust / Proyecto Agua Limpia	Non-Prasa Community Water Systems, Household Water Filtration System, Water Quality Testing	The mission of Puerto Rico Science Trust is to invest, facilitate, and build capacity to continually advance PR's economy and its citizens' well-being through innovation-driven enterprises, science and technology, and its industrial base. Proyecto Agua Limpia is providing household water filters to Utuado and surrounding areas. The project is working to expand to provide assistance for water quality testing at regular time intervals in Utuado and surrounding areas.	http://prsciencetrust.org/main/	Leslie Maas Cortés lmaas@prsciencetrust.org 787-523-1592 105, Carr. #21 Km. 0.8, Bo. Monacillos San Juan, Puerto Rico 00927
Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Financial Management	The EFC works with communities to implement strategies that help answer the basic "how will we pay" questions at the heart of successful environmental protection. To provide aid for hurricane relief, EFC will provide one-on-one consultation on rate setting and funding sources.	https://efc.sog.unc.edu/	Stacey Isaac Berahzer berazher@unc.edu 770-509-3887 P.O. Box 671346 Marietta, Georgia 30066
Rural Community Assistance Program	Incorporation or 501(c) Title Assistance	RCAP Solutions is the Northeast affiliate of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, a national network of regional non-profit organizations, that provides comprehensive on-site technical assistance and training to help small rural communities address their water and other community development needs. We provide services in all six New England states, NY, NJ, PA, PR and the USVI. Some of our services include: project planning and consulting, grant writing, community survey, asset management, sanitary survey, planning and training, needs assessments, education and training, and inspectional services.	https://rcapsolutions.org/	Josefa Torres-Olivo josefa@rcapsolutions.org 787-725-6523 1311 Ponce de Leon Avenue Suite 301 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907
University of Puerto Rico Agricultural Extension Service	Incorporation or 501(c) Title Assistance	The Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Puerto Rico's Mayaguez campus provides general education related to Safe Drinking Water Act regulations and drinking water system improvements.	http://www.uprm.edu/cms/index.php/page/1036	Gloriselle Negrón-Rios glorisel.negron@upr.edu 787-652-0065 Ext. 2169 1204 Calle Ceiba San Juan, Puerto Rico 00926

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Environmental Protection Agency (Puerto Rico)	Incorporation or 501(c) Title Assistance	EPA continues to support federal, territorial and local government efforts to ensure clean water for residents through sampling, analysis and technical support across Puerto Rico and the USVI. EPA completed evaluations of drinking water systems not managed by PRASA, or “non-PRASA” systems, and continues to support efforts to return Puerto Rico’s drinking water systems to pre-storm conditions. EPA can assist systems in applying for a incorporation or 501 (c), also known as a non profit, title to receive federal resources.	https://www.epa.gov/pr	Hector Velez velez.hector@epa.gov 787-977-5850 or Suzette Melendez melendez.suzette@epa.gov 787-977-5822 or Cristina Maldonado maldonado.cristina@epa.gov 787-977-5835 City View Plaza II Suite 7000 #48 Rd. 165 km 1.2 Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968
Foundation for Puerto Rico, Jay Fonsesca, and Manuel Cidre	Por Los Nuestros Fund	Por Los Nuestros fund is led by an independent citizen committee, who decides funding priorities and approves grant disbursements to project or organizations that are working to provide sustainable solutions to meet basic needs in hard to reach communities in Puerto Rico. Priority areas will focus on issues related to safe drinking water, health and sanitation, and long-term housing rebuilding.	https://www.youcaring.com/fondoporlosnuestros-972967	Nick Pastrana nickpastrana@gmail.com 787-562-1235 or Claudia Hernandez claudia.caht@gmail.com 787-585-6665
CAMBIO	Consulting and Community Support	CAMBIO is a non-governmental organization committed to promoting sustainable and responsible action in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. They provide awareness, education, capacity building, support to communities and research, and design and implementation of sustainable policies and strategies.	www.cambioprcaribe.com	Ingrid M. Vila Biaggi, MS, PE cambiopuertorico@gmail.com P.O. Box 260025 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00926



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National Rural Water Association	Disaster Recovery Team Puerto Rico	National Rural Water Association sent a team to Puerto Rico through a grant from USDA Rural Development to aid small water systems in recovery efforts following the hurricanes. Assessing the needs of small systems and establishing logistical support for future assistance was the first step in their process. NRWA expects to provide ongoing support with the help of USDA.	https://nrwa.org/2018/01/rural-water-gives-hope-to-puerto-rican-utilities-without-water-for-months-2/	Brendan Murphy brendan@nrwa.org 580-252-0629 2915 South 13th Street Duncan, Oklahoma 73533
Puerto Rico Water and Environment Association (PRWEA)	Community Development	The PRWEA is a section of the American Water Works Association and Member Association of Water Environmental Federation. Its members are professionals in the water and environmental industries. PRWEA's main purpose is to provide technical assistance and professional development to water professionals. Workshops and technical assistance for small systems are being held to provide aid for hurricane relief.	http://www.prwea.org/	Odalis de la Vega odalis.delavega@prwea.org 787-900-9737 Avenida Paz Granela 1458 Urb. Santiago Iglesias San Juan, Puerto Rico 00921
FEMA	Community Planning and Capacity Building	The Community Planning and Capacity Building Branch focuses on coordinating support for local governments to enable them to undertake effective post-disaster recovery and resilience planning and recovery management.	https://www.fema.gov/community-planning-and-capacity-building	Shannon McLachlan shannon.mclachlan@fema.dhs.gov 500 C Street Southwest Washington, District of Columbia 20472
	Public Assistance Grant	FEMA's Public Assistance is a grant program that provides federal assistance to government organizations and certain private nonprofit organizations following a Presidential disaster declaration. Non-PRASA systems would have to be incorporated in order to receive FEMA assistance.	https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit	