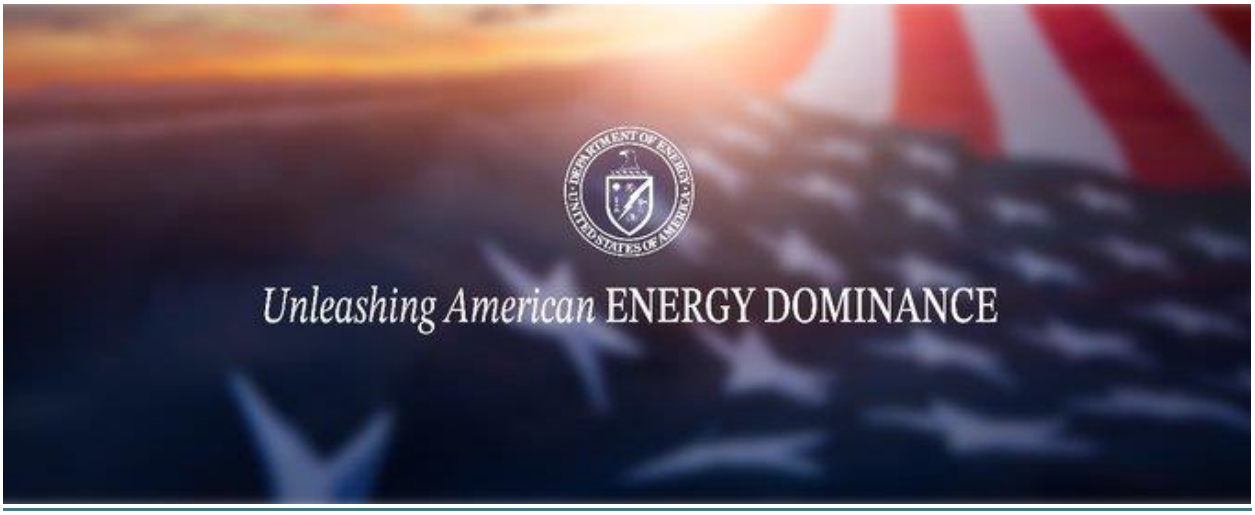
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# Energy Department to Redirect $365 Million to Support Grid Resilience Efforts in Puerto Rico

**WASHINGTON**— The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced it will redirect $365 million in funding to address Puerto Rico's grid resiliency and expand access of affordable, reliable, and secure power supply for the people of Puerto Rico. The funding, allocated through the Puerto Rico Resilience Fund (PR-ERF), will be deployed to support practical fixes and emergency activities that offer a faster, more impactful solution to the current crisis, benefiting critical facilities like hospitals and community centers.

Today's announcement follows U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright's decision to issue

two emergency orders

for Puerto Rico just weeks after the most recent island-wide blackout, underscoring the urgency of deploying immediate solutions for the millions of people who depend on Puerto Rico's fragile grid to power their homes and businesses.

"With President Trump's leadership, the Department of Energy is focused on fortifying America's electric grid and ensuring the reliable delivery of electricity across the country, and nowhere is this more needed than in Puerto Rico," said **Secretary Wright**. "By redirecting these funds, we will ensure taxpayer dollars are used to strengthen access to affordable, reliable and secure power, benefiting more citizens as quickly as possible.

This strategic shift allows us to address the root causes of the grid's instability, strengthening the grid's fragile infrastructure and delivering lasting relief for Puerto Rico."

"Puerto Rico is facing an energy emergency that requires we act now and deliver immediate solutions. Our communities, businesses, and healthcare facilities cannot afford to wait years, nor can we rely on piecemeal approaches with limited results. Rather than impacting a few customers, deploying these funds for urgent projects that improve the resiliency and reliability of our grid will have widespread, lasting benefits for all 3.2 million Americans in Puerto Rico," said **Puerto Rico Governor Jenniffer González-Colón**. "Since day one, President Trump and Secretary Wright have made it a priority to ensure we implement comprehensive solutions to address Puerto Rico's energy challenges. I look forward to continuing working with them on these efforts."

This $365 million funding was initially awarded by the Biden administration in December 2024 to support rooftop solar and battery storage installations slated to begin construction in 2026. Today, DOE is reprioritizing these awards and will redirect funding to support technologies that improve system flexibility and response, power flow and control, component strength, supply security, and safety. The redirection of these funds will expand access to reliable power for millions of people rather than thousands and generate a higher return on investment for taxpayers while advancing grid resiliency for Puerto Rico.

DOE is working in close coordination with Puerto Rico Governor Jenniffer González-Colón, Energy Czar Josué A. Colón-Ortiz, Puerto Rico's energy industry and key community leaders and stakeholders to ensure maximum effectiveness of DOE resiliency funds.