

# *U.S. Senators Say Trump Administration Hasn't Released Hurricane Aid to Puerto Rico*

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San Juan, January 5 (RHC)-- U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy have wrapped up a two-day trip to Puerto Rico, warning the island remains in "deplorable" shape more than 100 days after Hurricane Maria made landfall.

Senator Murphy from the U.S. state of Connecticut noted Congress approved a \$36.5 billion disaster relief package for hurricane-devastated states and Puerto Rico, but said much of the needed funds -- including Community Development Block Grants -- have not yet reached the island.

Sen. Chris Murphy said: "The White House is nickeling and diming the Puerto Rican government, making them go through all sorts of bureaucracy and red tape that is unnecessary. And the result is that the economy is still hemorrhaging."

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