



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

June 15, 2021

The Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
Government House
Charlotte Amalie, VI 00802

Dear Governor Bryan:

I am pleased to award \$3,417,256.33 to the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) through the Office of Insular Affairs' (OIA) discretionary grant programs. Technical Assistance Program (TAP) funding is being awarded to the Government of the USVI for the following projects:

- \$630,872 to the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency for 911 Emergency Communications Center Phone System Upgrade Project, as detailed in the proposal submitted on March 30, 2021;
- \$375,000 to the Virgin Islands Department of Finance for the Electronic Payment Process Solution, as detailed in the proposal submitted on March 31, 2021;
- \$350,000 to the Virgin Islands Bureau of Information Technology for the Cybersecurity Vulnerability Prevention Project, as detailed in the proposal submitted on March 31, 2021;
- \$122,000 to the Virgin Islands Fire Service for the Procurement of Two Cascade Units for Firefighters Project, as detailed in the proposal submitted on April 1, 2021; and
- \$10,000 to the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation to hire a Temporary Capacity Building Grant Writer, as detailed in the proposal submitted on April 16, 2021.

OIA is also awarding TAP funding to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions for the following projects:

- \$495,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) for the UVI Business Innovation Center.
- \$250,000 to UVI for the Capacity Building in the US Virgin Islands to Increase Constitutional Development and Self-Determination Project;
- \$286,310 to the Virgin Islands Centre for Architecture, Crafts and Build Heritage (VIAC) Inc. for the VIAC Project Development Conference for Design, Construction and Curriculum Project; and
- \$41,079 to Beyond Visions, Inc. for the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Virtual Workshops Project.

In addition, Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) funding is being awarded to the Government of Virgin Islands for the following projects:

- \$267,996 to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority for the Procurement of Mini Excavators and Utility Pickup Trucks, as detailed in the proposal submitted on March 29, 2021;
- \$208,000 to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (VIWAPA) for the Procurement of a Zero Turn Mower, Tractor Mower and Trailer, as detailed in the proposal submitted on April 16, 2021;
- \$206,000 to VIWAPA for the Procurement of a Mack Dump Truck, as detailed in the proposal submitted on April 16, 2021; and
- \$175,000 to the Virgin Islands Bureau of Information Technology for the Data Center Maintenance Management Solution Project, as detailed in the proposal submitted on March 31, 2021.

The grant award documents will be sent to your staff by our grant managers. Please contact me or have your staff contact Ms. WeiHao Feng at (202)-208-6974 or WeiHao_Feng@ios.doi.gov should you have any questions or concerns regarding these grants.

I look forward to working with you and your staff to implement these grants awards

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikolao Pula". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nikolao Pula
Acting Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

cc: The Honorable Stacey Plaskett