



# United States Virgin Islands **Recovery Plan**

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## General Overview

### Executive Summary

The United States Virgin Islands (USVI), like many other states, territories, and jurisdictions, has continued to find itself in an unprecedented time of uncertainty, which results in ongoing impacts on the health and wellbeing of its residents as well as the economy. In line with the intended uses, the USVI plans to utilize its Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF or SLFRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to continue to deliver an effective public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic while addressing the increasing negative economic impacts to the USVI community. Since the 2021 Recovery Plan was submitted, U.S. Treasury has recognized that the entirety of the USVI was disproportionately impacted as a US Territory. The Government of the Virgin Islands (GVI) through the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) has largely focused its pandemic efforts on improving the lives of its residents and prioritizing unmet needs in its communities.

The GVI's priorities have evolved based on changes in the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent economic impacts on the world economy. The USVI has been successful in responding to the COVID-19 disease itself and achieved its goal to vaccinate at least 50% of our total population. Over \$8 million of projects were approved to support public health efforts including vaccination, mitigation, testing, and prevention which provided critical funding to assist the USVI in its response to COVID-19. However, loss of tourism revenue devastated the USVI economy and now we are facing unprecedented inflation rates and costs to live; as a result, investments that address the negative economic impact of the pandemic now increase in importance and urgency.

Furthermore, the USVI Recovery Plan remains committed to the large infrastructure projects designed to bring potable water directly into homes and provide high-speed internet throughout the islands. Logistical challenges remain complex in the islands due to both the inherent challenges and because the USVI continues to move forward on its large recovery projects originating from the damage caused by the 2017 Category 5 hurricanes.

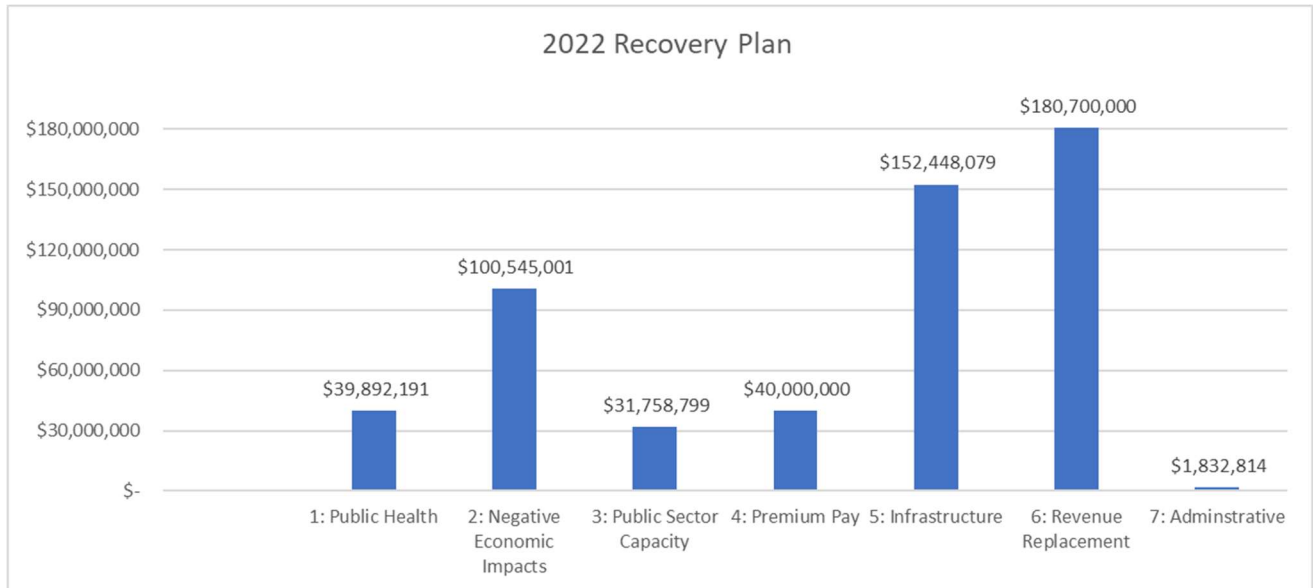
Even though the GVI has done an excellent job of balancing the safety of Virgin Islanders, while still having a functioning economy, it has seen a significant impact on the Territory's revenues. Revenue loss replacement funds from the ARPA continue to provide crucial funding to maintain a high level of productivity and service to the community.

The USVI intends to utilize its funds to improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of its residents especially those suffering from the compounded effects of the pandemic. The plan continues to be refined to adjust to the Territory's needs to respond to the effects of the pandemic and contains a multipronged approach to accomplishing the following:

- Create economically stable households through affordable housing development, subsidized housing programs, workforce development, increased employment and targeted economic support programs;
- Increase the safety of USVI residents by mitigating the threat of COVID-19, reducing crime and increasing the conviction of violent criminals within the Territory;
- Provide educational, economical and emotional support for children, adolescents and other vulnerable populations; and
- Improve the quality of life for all Virgin Islanders.

This list is not all-inclusive, but it provides a foundation on which the USVI can continue to build.

The USVI has been allocated \$547,176,884 through the SLFRF program as established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The chart below depicts the current planned budget across the major expenditure categories. Appendix A contains a breakdown of these budgets across Recovery Plan sub-categories. The GVI is continuing to evaluate and determine priorities while working to activate critical programs and services.



### Use of Funds

The GVI will invest a large portion of its \$547 million in SLFRF funding on its planned water, sewer and broadband infrastructure programs, while recognizing that, although the pandemic vaccination and mitigation efforts have proven successful, these programs may not require the anticipated level of projected funding from last year. Conversely, the unusually high level of inflation caused in part by the successful economic recovery, has caused great hardship on the citizens of the USVI. As a result, the USVI has emphasized spending on projects that mitigate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic on households, small businesses and nonprofit organizations. The GVI continues to emphasize providing premium pay to those who risked the most to keep our economy functioning. Finally, the GVI continues to invest its revenue replacement funds to help mitigate the impact of revenue shortfalls experienced by USVI agencies.

Throughout the budgeting and grant administration process, the GVI has focused on implementing the SLFRF program in a way that helps support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic downturn. Due to the very high poverty rate in the islands, the high cost of goods and services, and the disproportionate impact of the collapse of tourism on low-income citizens, the USVI’s investments using SLFRF funding focuses on investing resources in ways that benefits the most adversely impacted citizens.

The following describes the GVI’s strategy and goals of the SLFRF program and how the GVI’s approach helps support a strong and equitable recovery from the pandemic and economic downturn for each Expenditure Category (EC).

## Public Health – Expenditure Category 1

Total Budgeted: \$39,892,191

It is the goal of the GVI's SLFRF program to vaccinate a large portion the USVI population, mitigate against the spread of COVID-19 and care for the sick. The USVI's strategy to accomplish these goals is to continue to invest SLFRF funds in a broad range of vaccination, testing and mitigation programs as well as provide investments to reduce violence and maintain enforcement of COVID-19 safety protocols. The GVI programs are designed to support a strong and equitable recovery by executing these programs without regard to a citizen's ability to pay.

The USVI has only two hospitals providing care to the general public. Both hospitals were devastated in September 2017 by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, which impacted the Territory within two weeks of each other. Both the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Schneider Regional Medical Center sustained significant structural damage. The Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital has been deemed irreparable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and a temporary modular hospital is currently under construction. As a result, the physical capacity to treat COVID-positive patients requiring acute care is severely limited. The geographical isolation of the USVI also limits access to additional clinical personnel to supplement the existing medical staff. A surge of active cases, like those experienced as a result of the Delta and most current Omicron variants, can quickly cause the public health response in the USVI to exceed its physical and human resource capacity.

The GVI will continue to support its mitigation and vaccination efforts based on the changing nature of the virus and infection/hospitalization rates. The GVI has also funded efforts to address the systemic and often intractable health challenges through diabetes testing/education and improved access to dialysis treatments. The following provides details on the plans for the use of ARPA SLFRF in this category.

### *Vaccination Programs*

One of the priorities of the GVI's public health response is increasing the COVID-19 vaccination rates. The targeted goal of our effort was to vaccinate at least 50% of our total population. As of June 30, 2022, 57,307 individuals<sup>1</sup> have been fully vaccinated in the U.S. Virgin Islands. This is over 50% of the total population.

To boost our vaccination rates, the GVI has promoted a series of financial incentives in the form of vaccine lotteries (Project 000004). These lotteries have included cash drawings for the general population of vaccinated individuals, as well as special targeted drawings for school-based personnel, healthcare and allied health care workers, law enforcement officers, and children ages 12-17. Additionally, agencies offered financial vaccine incentive programs to their employees in the form of gift cards and cash (Projects 000003 & 000006).

The Recovery Plan currently includes \$5,500,000 for vaccination programs.

### *COVID-19 Testing*

Convenient access to testing and the timely processing of results are critical to effectively responding and mitigating the impacts of the pandemic.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://covidvax.live/location/us-vi>

To promote accessible testing, the Department of Health engaged with five local healthcare providers to conduct COVID-19 testing for students and staff of the Virgin Islands Department of Education and the University of the Virgin Islands (Project 000040). Additionally, agencies rendered services to conduct COVID-19 testing for employees who either had COVID-19 or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 (Project 000042).

The Recovery Plan includes \$2,000,000 to support COVID-19 testing.

#### *Prevention in Congregate Settings*

Like most other jurisdictions, the USVI experienced unfortunate outbreaks of infection in nursing homes, schools and within its prison complex. The Recovery Plan includes \$6,419,791 for prevention and mitigation of viral spread in congregate living facilities and other key settings.

Funding has been approved for Department of Public Works (Project 000018) and Department of Sports, Parks, & Recreation (Project 000061) efforts to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### *Personal Protective Equipment*

The Recovery Plan includes \$500,000 to fund the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE). To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, funding was approved for We Grow Food Inc. to purchase PPE for the community's farmers market events (Project 000027).

#### *Enhancing Healthcare Capacity*

The Recovery Plan includes \$4,472,000 for enhancing healthcare capacity.

VI Healthcare Foundation is in the process of developing an additional dialysis unit to provide additional dialysis services on the island of St. Croix to mitigate against another COVID-related shutdown of the sole dialysis provider on the island (Project 000001).

Per the CDC, adults with underlying medical conditions such as diabetes are more likely than others to become severely ill if infected with COVID-19 and are more likely to need hospitalization, be admitted into an intensive care unit, need a ventilator to help them breathe, or die. The Virgin Islands have seen a disproportionate number of COVID-19 deaths related to diabetes. VI Diabetes Center of Excellence (VIDCOE) will use funding to prevent the onset of diabetes and its complications through health promotion, patient education, treatment, and research. The VIDCOE's goal is to reduce the burden of diabetes and improve the quality of life for all patients who have or are at risk for diabetes (Project 000033).

#### *Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities*

The public hospitals in the Territory were forced to make considerable alterations to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infections. Several government agencies have made physical alterations such as installing air filtration and no-contact access control systems to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Projects 000014 & 000016). The Recovery Plan includes \$1,000,000 for physical plant improvements and another \$1,000,000 for ventilation improvements in key locations.

#### *Public Health Services*

\$1,000,400 has been budgeted to provide public health services to vulnerable populations. A project was approved for Department of Sports, Parks, & Recreation (Project 000055) to provide funding to

foster programs and activities conducive to improving the physical and emotional wellbeing of all Virgin Islanders.

#### *Mental Health Services*

The Recovery Plan includes \$1,500,000 for community-based mental health programs, trauma recovery services for crime victims, and school-based, social-emotional support and other mental health services.

#### *Substance Use Services*

The Recovery Plan includes \$500,000 for substance abuse programs.

#### *Other Public Health Services*

The Recovery Plan includes \$6,500,000 for medical technology and public health data system support.

#### *Community Violence Interventions & Territorial Crime Initiatives*

In calendar year 2020, the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD) reported one hundred and twenty-nine (129) shooting incidents, with forty-nine (49) homicides and the seizure of one hundred and seventy-one (171) unlicensed, illegal firearms. In a population of 105,000 people, these statistics are concerning; per capita, they rival or surpass the crime rate of major cities on the continental United States. Of further concern is the occurrence of gun violence and shoot-outs in populated areas, including those frequented by children—beaches, day care centers, restaurants and shopping centers during morning, afternoon and evening hours. Within the USVI community, there is an ever-present fear that innocents may become entangled in a shoot-out while going about daily life. This activity also serves to undermine the Territory's fragile tourism-dependent economy.

\$3,000,000 has been budgeted to address federal-territorial initiatives to reduce crime. Projects were approved for VIPD (Project 000050 and 000090) to obtain specialized contractor support with ongoing investigations including homicides, drug smuggling, gang activity, maritime crimes, and missing persons.

\$2,000,000 has been budgeted to deploy a community violence intervention strategy which will be largely facilitated by the newly created Office of Gun Violence Prevention. The Office of Gun Violence Prevention will contract with National Network for Safe Communities to provide strategic advising, problem analysis, and workshops to assist with implementing this strategy.

#### *Communication / Dissemination of Public Health Information & COVID-19 Task Force*

Vaccine advertisements and other communications continue to be targeted to the community, educating the public about the COVID-19 vaccine and promoting public health (Project 000005 and 000078). The Recovery Plan includes \$2,500,000 to support continued dissemination of public health information.

Through Executive Order, the Governor deputized a multi-agency task force of law enforcement officers to enforce the COVID-related public health orders. Funding for additional environmental enforcement patrol vessels was approved to enforce the COVID-19 mandates (Projects 000009 and 000065). The plan includes \$2,000,000 to support the costs of the COVID task force.

## Negative Economic Impacts – Expenditure Category 2

Total Budgeted: \$100,545,001

The USVI is still recovering from back-to-back hurricanes Irma and Maria, which affected the Territory in 2017. The aftermath of these hurricanes, coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic, leaves the USVI challenged in meeting the needs of its residents and businesses during this economic downturn.

Although protecting life remains the USVI's highest priority, the government must address the economic impact of the catastrophic loss of tourism revenue and jobs – more than half of the USVI economy relies on tourist dollars, a revenue source that was essentially eliminated for well over a year.

The strategy of the GVI is to deliver resources to the Virgin Islanders in greatest need with the goal of addressing both the ongoing impact of the pandemic and more structural economic challenges like poverty, educational disparities, access to high-speed internet, greater opportunities to get outdoors and exercise all in support of a more equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. As a result, the GVI is funding critically needed investments in internet access to improve community accessibility, job training programs, improvements to outdoor facilities and programs that address educational disparities. Additionally, the USVI is using funds to provide much needed aid to the local tourism industry, disproportionately impacted individuals, households, small businesses and private nonprofits.

The GVI will continue to invest SLFRF funds in a broad range of economic programs to assist households, small businesses and nonprofit organizations recovering from the pandemic. The programs are designed to support a strong and equitable recovery by designing these programs with lower-income workers in mind and providing these services without regard to a citizen's ability to pay which helps ensure an equitable recovery.

### *Housing Support: Affordable Housing*

Research has found that there is a positive correlation between stable housing and homeownership with higher self-reported well-being and health. Perceived or real increased well-being can make significant impacts on health, including mental health, education attainment and employment. A reduction in economic distress and increase in safety and security result in better health, equity and health equity.

The cost of home construction in the Territory is extremely high due in part to the geographic isolation of the USVI and to the considerable requirements of the local building code. This situation has been exasperated by the inflationary pressures resulting from the construction boom in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017.

The Recovery Plan includes \$20,000,000 to assist the Territory in offsetting the pre-development expenses of affordable housing construction and offering programs to assist individuals pursuing homeownership.

### *Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons*

Providing housing for those in need promotes good health through shelter from the elements, reduced crime and incarceration, and often a reduction in drug use, all of which impact costs associated with criminal justice and healthcare. According to a literature review from Health Affairs, stable housing can reduce healthcare costs through a reduction in Medicaid expenditures and emergency room visits.



Having access to consistent shelter also results in a reduction in psychological distress and intimate partner violence.

The GVI intends to provide supportive housing and other services for individuals experiencing homelessness utilizing \$5,000,000 of ARPA funding.

#### *Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*

The devastation of Hurricanes Irma and Maria resulted in a loss of housing units across the Territory. 52% of all housing stock was damaged (12% damaged severely); renters and low- and moderate-income households were disproportionately affected.

The Recovery Plan includes \$6,000,000 for other housing assistance.

#### *Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention*

The coronavirus pandemic has made many tenants face the threat of eviction with rising housing prices and higher rates of unemployment. According to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), 90% percent of landlords are represented by legal counsel while only 10% of tenants have legal representation. A study conducted by the ACLU also shows that when New York residents were provided with representation during their attempted eviction, 86% were able to remain in their homes.

The Recovery Plan includes \$250,000 for counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction or homelessness.

#### *Household Assistance: Aid to Fixed Income Households*

The Recovery Plan includes \$11,000,000 to provide crucially needed stimulus payments to social security recipients in the Territory. All households and individuals in the USVI are presumed to be disproportionately impacted; however, this population experienced additional hardship when faced with the high costs as a result of COVID-19 including cost of living, fuel prices and medical costs.

#### *Household Assistance: Improving Community Accessibility*

The Recovery Plan includes \$11,894,321 (Projects 000051 and 000063) to expand Wi-Fi access and allow for remote workstations throughout the USVI to support increased community access of free Wi-Fi, distance learning, telemedicine and virtual government.

#### *Household Assistance: Addressing COVID-19 Impacts on Utility Costs*

Access to utilities, such as water and electricity, coincides directly with adequate housing and shelter. Healthy living conditions, which include access to utilities (water, heat, electricity etc.), directly impact health and equity. Residents having trouble paying utility bills are at risk for poor living conditions and are more than likely experiencing psychological stress to keep the electricity on.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average residential electric rate in the United States, as of June 2021, was 13.85 cents per kilowatt-hour. The current residential rate in the U.S. Virgin Islands is 42.65 cents per kilowatt-hour. That is more than three times the national average and a considerable portion of household expenses for the typical family.

The impact of COVID-19 has resulted in increased fuel and electrical costs. Generally, these costs are passed to the ratepayers of the USVI, however the overall cost of living, including the cost of electric in the USVI is already far more expensive compared to other areas in the country. The Recovery Plan includes \$6,750,000 (Project 000109) to provide utility aid to the USVI community in order to prevent passing down price increases to the ratepayers.

#### *Household Assistance: Community Spaces*

The Recovery Plan includes \$1,776,000 (Projects 000011, 000017, & 000072) to improve and maintain community spaces including installing public restrooms and maintaining the public space for the local farmer's market and other public uses.

#### *Household Assistance: Senior Assistance*

The Recovery Plan includes \$1,866,000 to support seniors. Low-income and socially vulnerable communities have seen the most severe impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will be used to provide assistance to seniors including support to coordinate and access available public health services.

#### *Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs*

Literacy plays a large role in people accessing services daily. Without the knowledge to navigate certain systems electronically, people may avoid utilizing the system or fail in using it. There are many roadblocks to learning new skills, especially later in life, and with an older demographic in the USVI, digital literacy is low. Avoidance of learning digital tools can lead to individuals not receiving the services and care they need to live equitable lives.

The Recovery Plan includes \$250,000 for digital literacy training to help residents learn to navigate digital access to public services and to assist eligible individuals in the USVI enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program (Project 000084).

#### *Job Training Assistance*

Income and employment are direct drivers of the quality of life for all people. The creation of skill building and learning opportunities for employment can be invaluable for those who cannot afford a traditional education to gain the skills needed for employment. In addition to insufficient funds to pay for training, childcare is an additional cost to the process of receiving training. With assistance to provide training and childcare, individuals will be eligible for employment, thus increasing their quality of life. Previously incarcerated individuals also have a difficult time gaining employment from the skills perspective. Offering programs that can assist them in gaining new skills to become employed will help improve their quality of life as well as reduce their likelihood to engage in crime again.

In addition to the Covid-related job losses and displacement, Limetree Bay Refining, LLC, on the island of St. Croix, announced its closure in July 2021. The Limetree Bay refinery was the largest private employer in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Recovery Plan earmarks \$2,000,000 for subsidized employment programs (Project 000022) as well as \$7,000,000 for apprenticeships, skills development, and workforce training (Projects 000008 and 000028). It also includes \$500,000 for childcare assistance for unemployed individuals pursuing job training assistance and \$500,000 for training programs for formerly incarcerated individuals. An additional \$500,000 is available specifically for job training assistance for individuals who experienced negative economic or public health impacts due to COVID-19.

#### *Aid to Travel, Tourism, & Hospitality*

The hospitality industry endured two periods of closure in 2020 as a result of Executive Orders issued by the Governor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first closure was March 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>. The second closure was August 19<sup>th</sup> through September 19<sup>th</sup>. During these closures, hotels and similar

properties were prohibited from booking guests who travelled to the Territory for leisure purposes which severely reduced visitor arrivals to the Territory.

Additionally, the U.S. Virgin Islands went more than 15 months without a cruise ship visit. Since the relaxing of the “No Sail” order by the Centers for Disease Control, ship arrivals have been sporadic. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas was the Caribbean's most popular cruise port, with as many as six ships docked in a single day.

This has been a major driver to the Territory’s increased unemployment rates. Jobs and economic stability for the USVI are crucial to maintaining the Territory’s population, as well as revitalization during and after the pandemic. The Recovery Plan includes \$17,000,000 for aid to the impacted tourism industry (Projects 000002, 000029, & 000080).

#### *Small Business & Private-Nonprofit Assistance*

The Recovery Plan includes \$8,258,680 for assistance to small businesses and private non-profits impacted by COVID-19 (Projects 000095, 000046, & 000086). The GVI is funding a Small Business Innovation Grant program where small businesses can apply to receive up to \$50,000 to utilize grant funding to make their businesses more resilient and innovative.

Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity – Expenditure Category 3  
Total Budgeted: \$33,143,799

It is the goal of the GVI to ensure that the public sector is adequately staffed to meet the needs of USVI citizens. The GVI’s strategy to achieve this goal is to identify and fund government employment positions that need to be filled to maintain a quality level of service to the community and identify strategic and critical retention programs. The GVI has hired or intends to hire additional staff in support of public sector capacity including critical front line health care workers, temporary workers, several community service officers and additional prosecutors.

The GVI will also assess other funding opportunities to strengthen the public sector capacity in the coming months. Funding personnel under this category helps support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by providing local residents the opportunity to serve the needs of their fellow citizens through employment with the USVI central government or one of its agencies.

#### *Clinical Incentives*

The Recovery Plan includes \$16,000,000 in funding for retention incentives to current and new staff at Juan F Luis Hospital (JFL) & VI Schneider Regional Medical Center (SRMC). Both hospitals are facing critical staffing shortages and have continuously experienced difficulty both recruiting and retaining hospital staff. Wages for nurses and other patient care technicians are typically much higher on the mainland and the two hospitals struggle to remain competitive.

#### *Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff*

The Recovery Plan includes \$9,250,000 in funding for government agencies to offset the cost of payroll expenses for responding to the pandemic. Projects 000013, 000070, 000073, and 000089 provide funding to government agencies for this effort.

As a result of the pandemic, the judicial branch of government did not hold jury trials and experienced a significant backlog of cases. The Recovery Plan includes \$1,508,799 to address Covid-related court backlogs (Project 000041).

Additionally, the Recovery Plan includes \$2,000,000 for the hiring of law enforcement officials and the paying of overtime.

#### *Technology Improvements*

Finally, there is \$3,000,000 for technology improvements such as expansion of the ShotSpotter network and the installation of surveillance cameras (Projects 000032 and 000053).

#### *Premium Pay – Expenditure Category 4*

Total Budgeted: \$40,000,000

It is the goal of the GVI to provide premium pay to workers whose jobs exposed them to the COVID-19 virus during the most severe phases of the pandemic. The USVI's strategy to achieve this goal is to identify and compensate employees that risked contracting COVID-19 while performing essential work.

The GVI supports a robust premium pay program for both the public and private sectors and initial payments will include premium pay to front line workers, including health care workers and education staff. The benefits of these programs will largely fall to lower-income workers which helps ensure an equitable recovery from the pandemic.

#### *Public and Private Sector Employees*

According to data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual wage in the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2020, was \$47,960 across all occupations. The USVI is developing a retroactive premium pay program for public and private sector workers who provided essential services and meet the Treasury requirements for eligibility. The Recovery Plan earmarks \$40,000,000 for this purpose which is anticipated to be split between public and private sectors (Projects 000056 & 000059).

The GVI continues to collect public and private sector data for use in providing premium payments to critical frontline workers who faced increased risk of contracting COVID-19. Based on this data, the USVI will allocate resources in ways to help support a strong and equitable recovery from the pandemic and the resulting economic downturn. The initial data collection was completed in June 2022. During the upcoming months, the data will be used to prioritize payments to those front-line workers performing essential work at the great personal risk to their health.

#### *Infrastructure – Expenditure Category 5*

Total Budgeted: \$152,448,079

The GVI has built an extensive public infrastructure for water, sewer and broadband services in the Territory. However, many households, especially low-income households, do not have access to potable water piped into their homes and must rely on cisterns or expensive water delivery trucks. The failure to expand these systems, however, has left many areas unserved or underserved. The SLFRF provides a much-needed opportunity for the GVI to make investments in the expansion of its public infrastructure and increase the standard of living in the Territory. The GVI is continuing to develop plans to expand drinking water transmission and distribution lines to thousands of homes while making needed repairs and improvements to existing drinking water systems.

Over the past year, the GVI has worked to identify the most critical infrastructure projects and coordinate resources; however, the GVI faces challenges caused by constrained resources, limited land, a shortage of worker housing, shipping logistics challenges, and distance between island groups, which make executing several large projects simultaneously difficult. The GVI is working diligently to solve these problems and prioritize projects in ways that best addresses the needs of underserved communities and promotes an equitable recovery.

#### *Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance*

The USVI maintains a separate public sewer system on each of the main populated islands of St. John, St. Croix and St. Thomas. On each island, wastewater is collected through sanitary sewers from homes and businesses and is delivered to a centralized treatment plant for processing. This centralized system depends on pump stations and force mains to move wastewater from the collection point to the treatment plant. When the pumps fail, raw sewage is usually pumped untreated into the oceans off the coast of the affected island. Proper upkeep of these systems is essential for maintaining the pristine marine environment that is a critical part of the tourism economy within the Territory.

The Recovery Plan includes \$19,000,000 for the upgrade of pump stations, the relocation of force mains and the rehabilitation of sewer lines.

#### *Clean Water: Stormwater*

The Recovery Plan anticipates \$30,000,000 for the modernization of stormwater systems in four (4) main historic towns and drainage projects in three additional neighborhoods.

#### *Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution*

Within the USVI, a significant portion of the population still lives in areas without access to a potable water distribution system. For these areas, rainwater collection is the primary source of water for household use. Unfortunately, most private rainwater collection systems fail to meet the minimal drinking water standards. As a result, individuals residing in these areas either purchase their drinking water separately or risk their health by consuming water not fit for human consumption.

Our Recovery Plan proposes \$63,080,000 for waterline expansion to unserved areas including the Bordeaux area in the West End of St. Thomas, water production and distribution system upgrades, and rehabilitation of existing waterlines that are past their useful life.

#### *Drinking Water: Storage*

The Recovery Plan includes \$18,000,000 for the rehabilitation of existing storage tanks and the construction of new storage capacity to facilitate system expansion.

#### *Drinking Water: Other water infrastructure*

The Recovery Plan includes \$3,147,000 for pump station upgrades and the installation of booster pumps to improve water pressure in some areas of the distribution system.

#### *Broadband*

The Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN) is a public corporation that leads the efforts of the GVI as it relates to broadband capacity and accessibility. The creation of viNGN was primarily funded by grants from the Department of Commerce with a charter to provide wholesale broadband middle mile service to internet service providers, and to promote local economic growth, innovation and global

competitiveness. viNGN has built a 100% fiber optic telecommunications network that interconnects St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas, and Water Island and then connects the U.S. Virgin Islands to the world.

With this foundation the USVI has a great opportunity to capitalize on this infrastructure and create opportunities for better connectivity, reliability and training and development. This Recovery Plan includes \$19,221,079 to support viNGN's efforts to develop partnerships and launch programs that helps to harden the Territory's IT Infrastructure.

#### Revenue Replacement – Expenditure Category 6

Total Budgeted: \$180,700,000

Tourism is the largest industry in the USVI. The Revenue Replacement funding under ARPA provides the USVI an essential lifeline – the tax revenue generated by tourism completely dried up beginning in 2020 leaving the Territory with limited funds to provide basic services. Mainland and international tourists stayed home, and the cruise ships stopped visiting. The USVI, like many other jurisdictions, has seen a revenue shortfall since the inception of COVID, primarily due to the reduction of tourism as well as the closure of businesses.

It is the goal of the USVI to use these funds to address the USVI's pressing financial shortfalls caused by the pandemic. The strategy for accomplishing this goal is to continue to assess funding needs to maximize the benefit to the largest number of disadvantaged people. In this way, the USVI helps ensure an equitable recovery.

The USVI is utilizing Treasury's formula to calculate its revenue loss. \$180,700,000 has been earmarked to address revenue loss while understanding that actual revenue loss will have to be calculated every year based on actual revenues.

So far, the USVI has used funds to provide government services which addressed critical increases in fuel costs, needs for additional police vehicles, school maintenance, and to provide funding for road projects (Projects 000007, 000038, 000039, 000057, 000060, 000067, 000096). As Treasury has provided recipients wide latitude in using Revenue Replacement funds, the USVI will continue to identify the best use of these funds.

#### Other Federal Recovery Funds

The GVI is utilizing additional American Rescue Plan funds including Emergency Rental Assistance, Homeowner Assistance Fund, State Small Business Credit Initiative, and other available grants. It is the GVI's goal to work across implementing agencies to strategize and maximize the benefits of the American Rescue Plan funds, as well as prevent duplication of efforts. Please see Appendix B for additional details.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes

##### Design Considerations

In March 2021, ARPA established the SLFRF to provide state, local, and Tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery. Long-standing disparities in health and economic outcomes in underserved communities, including virtually the entire USVI, that amplified and exacerbated the impacts of the pandemic, also present continued barriers to full and equitable recovery. With that in

mind, the GVI has focused its attention on developing programs and designing approaches to recovery that emphasize improving outcomes for underserved communities and helps ensure an equitable recovery.

While the pandemic affected communities across the country, it disproportionately impacted some demographic groups and exacerbated health inequities along racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines. Minorities are at increased risk for infection, hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Low-income and socially vulnerable communities have seen the most severe health impacts. Areas with high social vulnerability, as measured by factors such as poverty and educational attainment, have also fared worse than the national average.

Regarding inequities along racial and ethnic lines, according to the 2010 census, 75% of USVI citizens identified with being black while 15.7% identified as white. It is also quite clear that the circumstances in this community due to its distance from the US mainland further exacerbate already disproportionate outcomes. Further inequities resulting from low incomes and high prices for almost all goods and services (including basic household needs like food and electricity) are clear and the USVI has designed its SLFRF programs to assist its citizens with their economic challenges.

The USVI population was profoundly impacted by the pandemic and these risk factors played an outsized role in the USVI where a high poverty rate and the high cost of food, shelter, electricity and fuel hit those with socioeconomic vulnerabilities especially hard. Importantly, approximately 1 in 3 families live at or below the poverty line. Virtually all food must be imported and electricity costs are exceedingly high – several times the cost on the U.S. mainland. Also, employer provided health insurance is difficult to obtain outside of public sector employment. All this was exacerbated by the multiple Category 5 storms that devastated the islands in 2017.

Together, these factors combine to create a very challenging environment. In fact, as provided in federal regulation, the entire USVI (individuals, small businesses and nonprofits) is considered “disproportionately impacted” by the pandemic for the purposes of assessing SLFRF program eligibility.

Therefore, virtually any program that economically assists USVI citizens, the government, business or nonprofits promotes equitable outcomes. As a result, the GVI has largely focused its pandemic recovery efforts on improving the lives of its citizens while funding essential government services. To achieve this, the USVI’s equity strategy focuses on prioritizing unmet needs in its communities.

### Implementation

Throughout the planning process, the GVI considered how each prospective grant would benefit the USVI’s disproportionately impacted population. In the past year, the GVI has approved over \$42 million dollars associated with 15 projects under Expenditure Category 2 – Negative Economic Impacts and has budgeted another \$58 million. This provides much needed aid and fulfills gaps in resources to a disproportionately impacted population. Even outside of this expenditure category, virtually all projects funded in the USVI promotes equitable outcomes due to the USVI’s health and economic situation pre-pandemic and post-Hurricanes Irma & Maria.

During the past year, the GVI has prioritized approving funding for:

- Establishing a Premium Pay program to provide payments to critical front line workers;

- Establishing a Household Assistance program for fixed income households to provide stimulus payments to disproportionately impacted individuals;
- Workforce initiatives for underemployed/unemployed workers;
- Increasing Wi-Fi accessibility in public places;
- a Small Business Innovation Grant program to provide up to \$50,000 of grant funds to small businesses in the USVI;
- Public spaces for strong healthy communities which promote health & safety;
- Impacted industries, where the impact of the travel, tourism and hospitality industries cannot be understated in the USVI; and
- Impacted private non-profits.

The GVI would like to spotlight a critical investment it has approved funding for with My Brother’s Workshop (MBW), a well-established private non-profit in the Territory, which will use its funding to increase services for at-risk and high-risk young people in the USVI. In 2007, MBW had 4 trainees in their program and now has 130-150 trainees annually. MBW will utilize ARPA SLFRF funding to increase its annual enrollment up to 1,200 trainees. This is just one project which highlights how the USVI is prioritizing services for a high-risk population in the Territory through providing funding to MBW – which has a proven track record of success to achieve equitable outcomes. At initial enrollment, 75% of MBW trainees do not have a high school diploma, 60% were previously involved in juvenile justice programs, 35% were previously gang involved, 65% have either a physical or learning disability and 10% are homeless when they first come to MBW. MBW has a 75% success rate which means trainees obtain employment, further their education or enroll in the military.

These projects provide much needed resources to the USVI community members. The Project Inventory contains specific details about key performance measures associated with these projects. The impact that this funding has and will continue to have on the USVI community will allow for the USVI to continue building a foundation of resources to achieve equitable outcomes, despite the increased risk factors it endures.

### Community Engagement

The GVI recognizes that community engagement and input is critical for the successful implementation and utilization of these funds.

The GVI held two Informational Fairs in June 2022 for community members to attend and learn more about ARPA SLFRF grant funding projects, plans and opportunities to submit applications. Over 175 community members and presenters attended. Presenters provided an overview of the projects funded by ARPA SLFRF and impact to the USVI community.

The GVI is still regularly engaged in COVID-19 programming to keep the community informed including participating in:

- Recovery in Focus - a monthly program to keep the community informed on the state of the recovery-related issues here in the USVI
- Monthly Press Box - Discussions on the Governor’s monthly Press Box, which is streamed live on both social media and the official Office of the Governor’s website, allowing community questions and comments



- Radio Talk Shows - With radio being a main means of communication and information for the USVI, members of the Governor's Cabinet and the Director of the Office of Management & Budget have actively participated in radio talk shows fielding calls and answering questions from the public, thereby providing another avenue for community engagement

The GVI's ARPA transparency website includes links to the USVI's Recovery Plan, Treasury Quarterly Reports submitted, Premium Pay and ARPA Community Feedback where community members can share direct feedback on the current plan or ideas about projects they would like to see funded. The website also includes a Funding Overview and details on payments to vendors.

The GVI continues to increase visibility and engagement with the community which will include additional polls and surveys utilized through the website and social media pages. As programs and projects continue to be developed, the GVI continues to identify opportunities to partner with community organizations to leverage their expertise and programs, in an effort to target and support vulnerable and diverse populations based on identified priorities.

The GVI regularly reviews feedback received through the engagement strategies detailed above as it considers how to prioritize the plans and use of ARPA SLFRF grant funding in order to address unmet needs in the community. This is achieved through regularly reviewing the budget, grant applications received, and looking for opportunities to incorporate community feedback received through the SLFRF program.

### Labor Practices

The GVI is focused on including strong labor standards where possible in projects funded through ARPA SLFRF. Labor practices along with many critical labor related topics are coordinated through the VI Department of Labor (VIDOL).

The mission of VIDOL is to administer a system of effective programs and services designed to develop, protect and maintain a viable workforce. This requires that the VIDOL build partnerships with government agencies, community organizations and other stakeholders in order to develop a talented workforce, to protect the workforce and to provide responsive fail-safe programs that support the workforce system. These goals support the Honorable Governor Albert Bryan Jr. directive to "Provide workers with the assistance and encouragement they need to develop new skills and competencies over time, both to seek greater opportunity and to adapt to a rapidly changing employment reality and world economy."

VIDOL has specific divisions which focus on ensuring strong labor standards are utilized on projects throughout the Territory including but not limited to:

- **Division of Labor Relations** – provides protection of workers' rights, regulates the employment practices of employers, promotes job opportunities for residents of the Territory and encourages a healthier, more harmonious relationship between labor unions, the private business sector and the government
- **Division of Job Service** – provides a viable and highly effective labor exchange system for the Territory by connecting job seekers with suitable jobs and employers with qualified/skilled workers

- **Division of Occupational Safety and Health** – ensures as much as practicable, a safe and healthful working environment for all public sector employers and employees of the USVI
- **Division of Workers’ Compensation** – strives to minimize the adverse impact of work-related injuries on the employees and employers of the Territory by providing temporary medical and disability benefits for work-related injuries and diseases

The GVI requires compliance with a comprehensive list of labor laws that include wage and hour rules, minimum wage requirements, anti-discrimination rules, requirements for meals and rest periods, unemployment insurance requirements, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) rules and job training programs. These strong labor standards establish the framework of labor policies and procedures that promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers.

As of this Recovery Plan update, critical infrastructure projects to serve the Territory are being coordinated to maximize resources and priorities. The GVI is coordinating closely with the implementing agencies, including WAPA, DPW and WMA, all who are intimately familiar with strong labor standards and are working with large federal grant projects as a result of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. As projects are refined, approved and begin, the GVI will report on the specific labor standards being utilized.

### Use of Evidence

For the purposes of the SLFRF evidence-based refers to interventions with strong or moderate evidence: Strong evidence means that the evidence base can support causal conclusions for the specific program proposed by the applicant with the highest level of confidence. This consists of one or more well-designed and well-implemented experimental studies conducted on the proposed program with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes. Moderate evidence means that there is a reasonably developed evidence base that can support causal conclusions. Preliminary evidence means that the evidence base can support conclusions about the program’s contribution to observed outcomes.

The GVI has generally not identified opportunities to incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations into its SLFRF program; however, the GVI requires that subrecipients report on the financial results of their grants and quantify metrics that demonstrate the results and effectiveness of the programs. Evidence-based analysis is not always appropriate or efficient and the programs funded to date under the SLFRF do not lend themselves to formal analysis; however, the GVI will continue to look for opportunities to use evidence-based interventions when that analysis makes sense in the context of the program objectives.

### Performance Report

All applicants are required to complete and submit an initial report and then monthly thereafter for each approved project. The purpose of the Monthly Report is to:

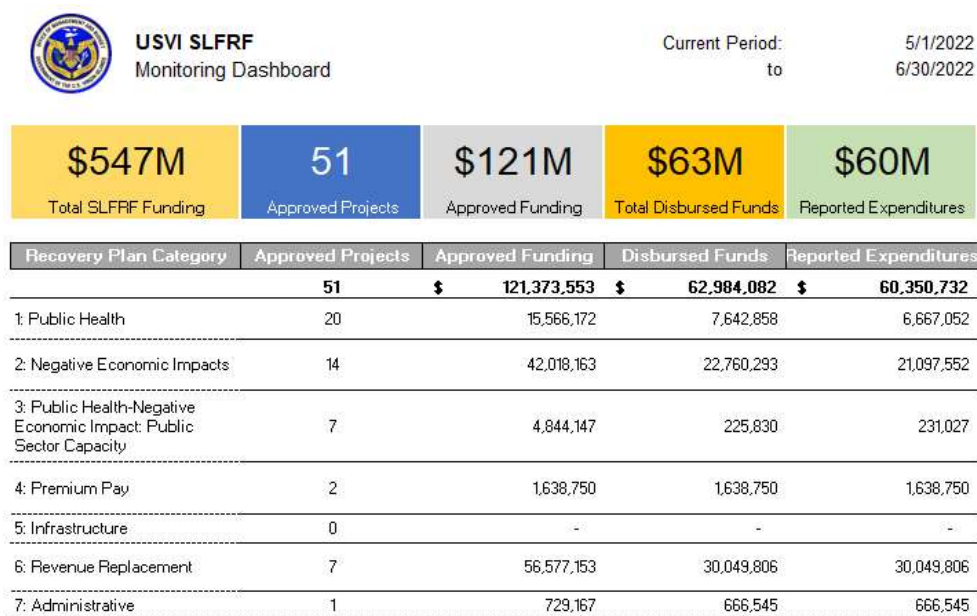
1. Collect the data required for Treasury Reporting
2. Facilitate monitoring of the project
3. Measure performance of the project

The monthly report requests an update on the expenditures and contracts, activities completed, activities planned and gathers specific programmatic reporting requirements. In addition, a summary of all project costs and supporting documentation and summary of all past, current, and planned

procurements and supporting documentation is requested to be provided. These monthly reports are key to GVI’s monitoring processes and failure to submit monthly reports may result in penalties.

Monthly report data is analyzed to determine monitoring priorities and generate a Monitoring Dashboard. One key area of this analysis is understanding the overall performance of the project. This includes understanding completion status, comparing progress to period of performance and gathering key performance indicators. Project progression and performance is a priority for the GVI to assess regularly.

The Monitoring & Progress dashboard (example below) provides an aggregate view of all projects and data from the monthly reports including an overview of all expenses incurred to date by category and the risk and monitoring level ratings assigned to each project. This data will facilitate a portion of the transparency updates to the GVI’s ARPA website.



Additionally, the GVI will conduct physical site inspections based on scope of the project and monitoring level. Site inspections are intended to physically confirm the status and progress of the project. Any risk areas identified during this process will be included in follow up discussions and the Corrective Action plan as needed.

The GVI continues to work with subrecipients on the status, progress, and performance of its SLFRF projects. Since the Interim Recovery Plan was submitted, the priority has been on approving projects consistent with Treasury and USVI goals so that projects can begin. In the upcoming months, the GVI will continue to approve projects and will also focus on the monitoring of the projects underway. The Project Inventory section will detail the key performance indicators for each approved SLFRF project.

## Project Inventory<sup>2</sup>

### Public Health – Expenditure Category 1

Project 000001: Dialysis Unit

Funding amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.6 Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)<sup>^</sup>

#### Project Overview

- The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need for diabetes management as patients with diabetes are at high risk for severe illness and death if infected with COVID-19. VI Healthcare Foundation will be completing design, renovation and installation for the dialysis clinic. The overall project will open an outpatient dialysis unit and multi-specialty clinic that will service the community and provide services such as outpatient dialysis, renal dietetic services, proper infection control and COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Design includes the architectural drawings required by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) and also the leasing company for the building, Sunny Isle Developers. The renovation includes any demolition, and construction required for becoming a certified and accredited dialysis clinic. Renovation includes ordering of supplies and equipment needed for the VIHCF Dialysis Clinic. Telehealth equipment and other general medical equipment will need to be installed for full operation.
- Anticipated timeline: 11/11/2021 - 11/11/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract for clinic; internal personnel for administration.
- Website: <https://vihcf.org/service/dialysis-clinic>
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

#### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

#### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase access for dialysis services to the community.
- Output Measure: Construction is in progress for the dialysis unit.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIHCF will provide the number of patients utilizing dialysis services.

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<sup>2</sup> Anticipated timeline in Project Inventory reflects grant agreement period of performance. For purposes of quarterly Project & Expenditure reporting, period of performance start date reflects approved date due to system limitations. Some projects may have been approved at a later date than the period of performance start date, however still incurred costs in the eligible ARPA SLFRF period of performance.

Project 000003: Gift Cards for Vaccination

Funding amount: \$2,520,175

Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination^

Project Overview

- The Department of Health vaccine incentive program distributed \$250 gift cards to vaccinated individuals.
- Anticipated timeline: 09/01/2021 - 12/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of gift card incentives.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase the vaccination count in the Territory
- Output Measure: 7,828 gift cards have been distributed as vaccine incentives.
- Outcome Measure: 7,828 individuals were vaccinated through DOH's Gift Cards for Vaccination Program.

Project 000004: VAX to Win Lottery

Funding amount: \$2,250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination^

Project Overview

- VI Lottery launched the VAX to Win Lottery to provide monetary incentive for increased vaccination within the Territory.
- Anticipated timeline: 07/08/2021 - 12/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Payments to lottery winners.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase the vaccination count in the Territory.
- Output Measure: VI Lottery provided gift card awards to 10 lottery winners.
- Outcome Measure: As of July 8, 2021, 79,196 vaccine doses had been administered within the Territory. As of June 30, 2022, this count has increased to 148,578 vaccine doses administered within the Territory.

Project 000090: Real-Time Crime Center-Personnel

Funding amount: \$617,021

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions\*^

Project Overview

- This funding will help with personnel costs for the Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) will triage information from calls and provide information, such as suspect vehicle descriptions, victim or suspect criminal histories, and other pertinent information, on-the-fly to assist in furthering an officer's investigation during a call. The center, which will be located on St. Croix, will operate 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
- Anticipated timeline: 05/01/2022 - 4/30/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Hiring and personnel costs for staffing the center.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Decrease crime rates within the Territory.
- Output Measure: VIPD is in the process of hiring 8 analysts and 1 manager.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIPD will provide the number of calls triaged and reported in the RTCC.
- Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10) and Community Violence Interventions (EC 1.11):
  - a. Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs - N/A
  - b. Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs - N/A
  - c. Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs - N/A

Project 000006: Vaccine Incentives

Funding amount: \$63,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination^

Project Overview

- This VI Port Authority vaccine incentive program distributes monetary incentives for vaccinated individuals.
- Anticipated timeline: 08/31/2021 - 03/21/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Payments to vaccinated employees.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase the vaccination count in the Territory
- Output Measure: 252 employees were provided an incentive amount of \$250.00 per person.
- Outcome Measure: 252 individuals were vaccinated through VIPA's Vaccine Incentive Program.

Project 000055: Health & Wellness Program

Funding amount: \$1,000,400

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services^

### Project Overview

- Funding is supporting the Governor's Health & Wellness Program, which will foster activities conducive to improving the physical and emotional wellbeing of all Virgin Islanders.
- Anticipated timeline: 06/01/2022 - 05/31/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Personnel cost, contract services and purchase of supplies for operations of program.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase access for community in health and wellness programs.
- Output Measure: This 12 month program will target 10,000 individuals Territory-wide to participate in a variety of activities that will be tailored to support all fitness levels.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability, DSPR will provide program enrollment numbers.

Project 000050: Triton Risk Group

Funding amount: \$788,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services^

### Project Overview

- The USVI has experienced increased crime due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. VI Police Department (VIPD) hired Triton Risk Group to support and assist with ongoing investigations including homicides, drug smuggling, gang activity, maritime crimes, and missing persons.
- Anticipated timeline: 03/15/2022 - 09/30/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract with Triton Risk Group for services.
- Website: N/A

- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase the number of VIPD cases investigated.
- Output Measure: VIPD has contracted Triton Risk Group to provide investigative teams.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIPD will provide the number of teams deployed and cases investigated.

Project 000040: COVID-19 Testing

Funding amount: \$823,075

Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 COVID-19 Testing^

Project Overview

- Department of Health engaged with five local healthcare providers to conduct COVID-19 testing for students and staff of the Virgin Islands Department of Education and The University of the Virgin Islands.
- Anticipated timeline: 01/01/2022 - 08/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract with laboratories for COVID-19 testing.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase the number of individuals tested to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: DOH contracted 5 local healthcare providers to conduct COVID tests for the USVI community.
- Outcome Measure: Over 12,000 individuals have been tested as a part of DOH's Testing program.

Project 000042: COVID-19 Testing

Funding amount: \$60,675

Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 COVID-19 Testing^

Project Overview

- VI Port Authority (VIPA) utilized funding to conduct COVID-19 testing for employees who either had COVID-19 or were exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Anticipated timeline: 08/31/2021 - 03/21/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract with laboratories for COVID-19 testing.



- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Provide testing to VIPA employees to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: VIPA provided 190 COVID-19 tests to VIPA employees.
- Outcome Measure: Over 190 COVID employees were tested for COVID-19.

Project 000018: Temperature Scanners

Funding amount: \$14,648

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)\*^

Project Overview

- VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) will utilize funding to purchase temperature scanners to detect elevated skin temperature from a distance to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/23/2022 - 02/23/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of temperature scanners.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: Applicant will purchase temperature scanners.
- Outcome Measure: DPW will use temperature scanners to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Project 000014: Bio Defense Air Filtration System

Funding amount: \$228,520

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)\*^

Project Overview

- VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) will use funding to install bio filtration system to improve indoor air quality at DPW public offices.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/23/2022 - 02/23/2024
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract for purchase of air filtration system.

- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: DPW purchased 1 M9049 Sphere Device System.
- Outcome Measure: DPW will use a bio filtration system at their facilities to improve air quality and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Project 000016: VIBE COVID-19 Mitigation

Funding amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)\*^

Project Overview

- To minimize COVID-19 risks in the VI Board of Education offices, VIBOE will purchase no-contact access control systems to monitor employees' temperatures, renovate existing structures such as touchless faucets and air conditioning units with HEPA filters. VIBOE will also purchase technology devices such as laptops with docking stations and monitors to plan for activities during short term/long term office closures and online services.
- Anticipated timeline: 09/07/2021 - 09/30/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of mitigation supplies.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: VIBOE purchased 18 laptops with accessories and 9 monitors, and procured a vendor for cleaning and disinfection services of VIBOE offices.
- Outcome Measure: VIBOE is using no-contact access control systems, touchless faucets, and air conditioning units with HEPA filters to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Project 000061: Covid Mitigation Equipment/ Supplies

Funding amount: \$43,671

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)\*^

### Project Overview

- VI Department of Sports, Parks, & Recreation (VIDSPR) will purchase touchless sanitation and handwashing supplies for their facilities.
- Anticipated timeline: 03/14/2022 - 09/14/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of touchless supplies for mitigation.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: Applicant will purchase 111 each of touchless soap dispensers and touchless towel dispensers and refill supplies.
- Outcome Measure: DSPR will use touchless sanitation and handwashing supplies their facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Project 000027: Bordeaux Farmers Market PPE

Funding amount: \$11,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.5 Personal Protective Equipment^

### Project Overview

- WGFI will purchase mitigation and PPE supplies to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the Bordeaux Farmers Market events.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/23/2022 - 12/23/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of PPE supplies.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, WGFI will provide the number of PPE purchased.
- Outcome Measure: PPE will be used during the Bordeaux Farmers Market events to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Project 000033: Diabetes Outreach, Education and Support Services

Funding amount: \$1,972,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.6 Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)^

Project Overview

- The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need for diabetes management as patients with diabetes are at high risk for severe illness and death if infected with COVID-19. VIDCOE will use the funding to support operations intended to prevent the onset of diabetes and/or its complications through health promotion, patient education, treatment and research. The VIDCOE's goal is to reduce the burden of diabetes and improve the quality of life for all patients who have or are at risk for diabetes.
- Anticipated timeline: 01/22/2022 - 01/22/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Internal personnel and contract services for operational costs.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Decrease diabetes severity and fatalities and improve overall VI wellness within the Territory.
- Output Measure: VIDCOE is in the process of hiring 9 essential positions for project operations and has secured business lines and internet connectivity.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDCOE will provide the number of patients receiving services or education.

Project 000005: Vaccine Advertisements

Funding amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)^

Project Overview

- Office of the Governor will use funding for vaccine advertisements to encourage the community to get the COVID-19 vaccine and promote public health.
- Anticipated timeline: 07/08/2021 - 12/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Media Advertisements.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase the vaccination count in the Territory
- Output Measure: 480 radio ads were ran from 7/13/2021 to 9/10/2021 for VAX to Win Lottery.
- Outcome Measure: As of July 8, 2021, 79,196 vaccine doses had been administered within the Territory. As of June 30, 2022, this count has increased to 148,578 vaccine doses administered within the Territory.

Project 000009: Environmental Enforcement Vessels

Funding amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)^

### Project Overview

- Department of Planning & Natural Resources will use funding to purchase additional vessels to maintain compliance with increased COVID-19 mandates.
- Anticipated timeline: 11/08/2021 - 11/16/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of vessel.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: DPNR will purchase 4 interceptor aluminum patrol vessels.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, DPNR will provide the number of patrols/inspections were completed with the new vessels.

Project 000078: COVID Communication

Funding amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)^

### Project Overview

- VI Public Finance Authority (VIPFA) has contracted with a vendor to provide crisis communication services for the Territory's COVID-19 response to include communication strategy, public education, advertisements, graphic support and public service announcements.
- Anticipated timeline: 01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract Services for COVID Communication strategy and media.

- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase awareness and communications on COVID-19 response and critical information
- Output Measure: VIPFA has contracted for COVID Communications.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIPFA will provide data relating to the COVID communication strategy outcomes.

Project 000065: DPNR/DEE Vessel Rental

Funding amount: \$62,044

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)^

Project Overview

- VI Department of Planning & Natural Resources (VIDPNR) will purchase two 300HP Mercury marine engines to repair St. Thomas patrol vessel.
- Anticipated timeline: 05/01/2022 - 09/30/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of engines.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Output Measure: DPNR will purchase 2 300HP Mercury marine engines to repair St. Thomas patrol vessel.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, DPNR will provide the number of patrols/inspections were completed with the repaired vessel.

## Negative Economic Impacts – Expenditure Category 2

Project 000008: Construction of MBW on St Thomas

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)\*^

### Project Overview

- My Brother's Workshop will use the funding to increase services for at-risk and high-risk young people in the USVI through construction of the new Main Campus. Programs will include culinary arts, catering service, customer training service, parenting, child care services and anger management.
- Anticipated timeline: 11/25/2021 - 11/25/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract services for construction.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase annual enrollment in vocational training and counseling programs up to 1,200 trainees
- Output Measure: Construction is currently in progress for new MBW buildings.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, MBW will provide the number of individuals enrolled in MBW programs.
- Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10) and Community Violence Interventions (EC 1.11):
  - a. Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs - N/A
  - b. Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs - N/A
  - c. Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs - N/A

Project 000028: LIFT Program Expansion

Funding amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)\*^

### Project Overview

- This funding will expand the VIDOL's "Labor Investing for Tomorrow" (LIFT) job training program by hiring a program coordinator, contracting an additional one hundred (100) interns, and by covering the cost of related miscellaneous expenses that will assist VIDOL's efforts towards community development and growth in response to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.
- Anticipated timeline: 05/10/2022 - 04/30/2023

- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Hiring for and cost of personnel for program coordinator and contract for interns.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Help enrollees obtain full time jobs.
- Output Measure: Program is budgeted for 50 enrollees in the Fall and 50 enrollees in the Spring.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDOL will provide enrollment statistics.
- Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10) and Community Violence Interventions (EC 1.11):
  - a. Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs - TBD - This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDOL will provide enrollment statistics.
  - b. Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs - TBD - This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDOL will provide enrollment statistics.
  - c. Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs - N/A

Project 000011: Street Sweeper Purchase

Funding amount: \$976,600

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety^

Project Overview

- VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) will purchase street sweepers in St. John and St. Croix districts to clean up street litter from disposable masks and other PPE.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/23/2022 - 02/23/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of street sweeper.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Maintain public health and safety protocols.
- Output Measure: VIDPW will purchase 3 specialized road sweeping vehicles for St. Croix and St. John.



- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDPW will provide usage information for street sweepers.

Project 000017: Charlotte Amalie Portable Restrooms

Funding amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety^

Project Overview

- Public portable restrooms have been purchased for the downtown Charlotte Amalie area to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by eliminating unnecessary interaction between the general public and private businesses.
- Anticipated timeline: 12/03/2021 - 12/03/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract for build of restrooms.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Improve the quality of the public space for community.
- Output Measure: Construction is in progress for portable restroom.
- Outcome Measure: Public restroom will be available for use and encourage outdoor activities for the USVI community.

Project 000063: SolGreen Solar Charging Workstations

Funding amount: \$1,115,400

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety^

Project Overview

- VI Department of Sports, Parks, & Recreation (VIDSPR) will place solar workstations in recreational parks throughout the Territory that will be accessible to all residents to promote strong and healthy communities.
- Anticipated timeline: 03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase and installation of workstations.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Provide outdoor workspaces within the community.
- Output Measure: 20 solar charging workstations will be purchased and installed in outdoor areas in the community.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDSPR will provide information relating to the parks at which workstations are installed.

Project 000072: Maintenance & Repair Costs - Public Spaces

Funding amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety^

### Project Overview

- VI Department of Agriculture (VIDOA) will use funds to purchase materials and hire temporary employees to maintain, upkeep and repair the Agricultural Fair grounds on St. Croix. This initiative will promote community engagement through the enhancement and maintenance of the grounds where the local farmers' market is held every week, and where the community goes to purchase local produce, food, and goods.
- Anticipated timeline: 05/01/2022 - 08/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of materials and hiring of temporary maintenance employees.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Maintain public space for use by community.
- Output Measure: VIDOA will hire temporary employees to assist with performance of maintenance and repairs.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDOA will provide the number of events held due to the maintenance and repairs of these spaces.

Project 000086: Literacy Through Music & Summer Enrichment Camp

Funding amount: \$68,170

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)^

### Project Overview

- The project will support music education by providing funding for operational costs to the Literacy Through Music and Summer Enrichment Camp programs.
- Anticipated timeline: 05/01/2022 - 06/30/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Direct Payment to Beneficiary

- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

#### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

#### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase participation at the Literacy Through Music and the Summer Enrichment Camp.
- Output Measure: For the Literacy Program, Calypso will procure professional services, hire 2 assistant instructors, and purchase 3 banjos and 20 ukuleles. For the Summer Camp, 2 adult counselors and 3 student counselors will be hired.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, Calypso, Inc will provide the number of participants at the Literacy Through Music and the Summer Enrichment Camp.
- Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 0; this project is for a youth summer camp that does not include evidence-based tutoring.

Project 000095: Small Business Innovation Grant

Funding amount: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship^

#### Project Overview

- The Small Business Innovation Grant will award up to \$50,000 to eligible locally registered and licensed businesses with less than one hundred (100) employees operating in the Territory for assistance with anything to make their business more resilient and innovative. The Small Business Development Center has created an independent panel to review and approve the grant applications. Businesses with one hundred or fewer employees may apply for up to \$50,000.
- Anticipated timeline: 05/01/2022 -04/30/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Subaward to EDA to administer program.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

#### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

#### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase resiliency and innovation for small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- Output Measure: EDA has begun receiving applications from small businesses.
- Outcome Measure: This project is still in process and is currently reviewing applications. Upon availability of data, EDA will provide the number of small businesses receiving Innovation Grant.

Project 000046: Clean Sweep Frederiksted Youth Summit

Funding amount: \$11,945

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)^

Project Overview

- Clean Sweep Frederiksted Community Development Corporation (CSFCDC) will host a Youth Summit to engage young people in determining the economic direction of our community. The summit's theme is "Deconstruct to Reconstruct: Visualizing the Future of St Croix." This event is a youth-centered thought leadership summit focused on building and creating a sustainable, vibrant, and equitable community of the future. Students will discuss the impact Covid 19 has had on their lives (talk about challenges and solutions to those challenges), what they want policy makers to consider in reference to the impact of Covid on them and what they wish policy makers had considered as they made decisions to address Covid 19 in their lives.
- Anticipated timeline: 04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Direct Payment to Beneficiary
- Website: <https://www.cleansweepfrederiksted.org/youthsummit>
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase participation at the Youth Summit.
- Output Measure: CSFCD purchased food, COVID sanitizing kits, participant shirts and supplies for participants.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, CSFCDC will provide the number of attendees at the Youth Summit.

Project 000002: Marine Division Operational and Capital Shortfalls

Funding amount: \$8,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality^

Project Overview

- The VI Port Authority (VIPA) experienced significant operational shortfalls from FY 2021 due to reduced tourism as a result of the COVID-19. As an impacted industry (tourism), these funds will provide financial hardship funding to continue normal operations at VIPA.
- Anticipated timeline: 12/31/2021 - 11/25/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Direct Payment to impacted industry.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Support the operations of VIPA.
- Output Measure: OMB identified VIPA as an impacted industry with financial hardships due to COVID-19.
- Outcome Measure: OMB provided funding to VIPA for ongoing operating costs.

Project 000029: Operations Revenue Shortfall

Funding amount: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality^

### Project Overview

- West Indian Company experienced significant operational shortfalls from FY 2021 due to reduced tourism as a result of the COVID-19. As an impacted industry (tourism), these funds will provide financial hardship funding to continue normal operations at WICO.
- Anticipated timeline: 11/25/2021 - 11/25/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Direct Payment to impacted industry.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Support the operations of WICO.
- Output Measure: OMB identified WICO as an impacted industry with financial hardships due to COVID-19.
- Outcome Measure: OMB provided funding to WICO for ongoing operating costs.

Project 000080: Revenue Loss for Ferry Companies

Funding amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality^

### Project Overview

- OMB is providing aid to assist with COVID-19 related financial hardships due to the reduction in passengers as a result of decrease in tourism activities caused by COVID-19 restrictions.
- Anticipated timeline: 04/19/2022 - 03/31/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Direct Payment to Beneficiary
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Support the operations of Transportation Services of St John.
- Output Measure: OMB identified Transportation Services of St. John as an impacted industry with financial hardships due to COVID-19.
- Outcome Measure: OMB provided funding to Transportation Services of St. John for ongoing operating costs.

Project 000109: Addressing COVID-19 Impacts on Utility Costs<sup>3</sup>

Funding amount: \$6,750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other\*^

### Project Overview

- VIWAPA will purchase a generator in an effort to reduce VIWAPA's electrical generator costs thereby preventing or delaying price increases to disproportionately impacted households in the USVI. Home electricity costs are already several times the costs as the mainland United States.
- Anticipated timeline: 06/01/2022 - 12/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of generator.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Provide utility aid to the USVI community in order to prevent passing down price increases to the ratepayers.
- Output Measure: VIWAPA has purchased 1 generator.
- Outcome Measure: The purchase of the generator resulted in electrical generation cost savings and protected the USVI ratepayers from further increases in electrical costs.

Project 000084: Affordable Connectivity Program

Funding amount: \$29,672

Project Expenditure Category: 2.4 Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs\*^

### Project Overview

- VI Department of Human Services (VIDHS) is mailing announcements to over 35,000 Medicaid members and 12,000 SNAP households that are eligible to receive \$30 a month benefit from the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to support broadband.

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<sup>3</sup> Written Justification for capital expenditure has been provided to Treasury via P&E reporting.

- Anticipated timeline: TBD
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Purchase of supplies and cost of mailings.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase community enrollment in the Affordable Connectivity Program.
- Output Measure: Informational materials will be distributed to 35,500 Medicaid members and 12,000 households receiving SNAP benefits.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon distribution of announcements and availability of data, VIDHS will provide enrollment numbers.

Project 000051: Community Wi-Fi Expansion

Funding amount: \$10,778,921

Project Expenditure Category: 2.4 Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs\*^

Project Overview

- Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN) is installing Wi-Fi hotspots through the Territory in support of distance learning, telemedicine, and virtual government.
- Anticipated timeline: 03/21/2022 - 09/30/2025
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract services for large expansion project.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Increase Wi-Fi access and reliability for the community.
- Output Measure: viNGN will install 95 "hot spots" in the community.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, viNGN will provide usage information related to hot spots.

## Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity – Expenditure Category 3

Project 000041: Personnel Costs - Victim Advocates & Prosecutors

Funding amount: \$972,315

Project Expenditure Category: 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

### Project Overview

- VI Department of Justice (VIDOJ) is utilizing funding to hire two criminal victim advocates and five prosecutors to directly support the criminal prosecutions of violent crimes in the Territory.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/07/2022 - 09/30/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Hiring for and cost of personnel.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Decrease backlog of court cases in the Territory.
- Output Measure: VIDOJ is in the process of hiring 2 criminal victim advocates.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, DOJ will provide the reduction in the backlog of court cases.

Project 000032: ShotSpotter Gunshot Detection System

Funding amount: \$1,001,794

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

### Project Overview

- VI Police Department will use the funding to install "ShotSpotter" in locations throughout the Territory in areas known for high volumes of gunfire. ShotSpotter notifies dispatch officers of gunfire and provides maps, video and audio of precise locations to aid VIPD in crime response.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/04/2022 - 11/04/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract for ShotSpotter service.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.



### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Decrease crime rates within the Territory.
- Output Measure: VIPD will deploy a gunshot location and detection system in St. Thomas and St. Croix to increase from 4.09 square mile expansion to 13.09 square miles of ShotSpotter coverage.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIPD will provide the number of alerts from detection system to which VIPD responded.

### Project 000053: Video Surveillance

Funding amount: \$1,600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

### Project Overview

- VI Department of Sports, Parks, & Recreation (VIDSPR) is utilizing funding to prevent and respond to crime and support public safety and the youth in the Virgin Islands by installing video surveillance cameras at VIDSPR facilities.
- Anticipated timeline: 06/01/2022 - 05/31/2023
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract services for surveillance equipment and installation, partnership with VIBIT (Virgin Islands Bureau of Information Technology)
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Decrease crime rates within the Territory.
- Output Measure: VIDSPR will install video surveillance at its facilities.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, DSPR will provide the number of alerts from the surveillance system(s) which were reported to VIPD.

### Project 000013: Temporary Staffing Services

Funding amount: \$296,115

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

### Project Overview

- The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased the backlogs for the VI Department of Labor (VIDOL). VIDOL is utilizing funding to hire additional temporary staff to process the benefits for a significant number of claimants from the from the Continued Assistance Act (CAA).
- Anticipated timeline: 11/17/2021 - 11/17/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract for temporary labor.
- Website: N/A

- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Decrease the backlog of CAA claims.
- Output Measure: VIDOL contracted with Select Temp Staffing to provide temporary employees.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDOL will provide data related to the number of temporary employees hired and the reduction in the backlog of claims.

Project 000089: Temp Staffing- Activity Center

Funding amount: \$402,276

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview

- Hire eight Customer Care Specialists under temporary employees' contracts to assist with reducing the backlog of registration and licensing due to the pandemic.
- Anticipated timeline: 04/26/2022 - 9/30/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract services for temporary labor.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Reduce the backlog of registration and licensing applications.
- Output Measure: Applicant will add contracts for 8 temporary employees.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, BMV will provide the reduction in backlogged registration and licensing applications processed by the temporary employees.

Project 000073: UI Temporary Customer Service Reps

Funding amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview

- VI Department of Labor (VIDOL) is utilizing funding to hire temporary customer service reps for the period of 12 months to assist with the increase of unemployment claims due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to reduce the cost of overtime.

- Anticipated timeline: 10/01/2021 - 09/30/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Hiring for and cost of temporary labor.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Decrease backlog of unemployment claims at VIDOL.
- Output Measure: VIDOL contracted with 1 temporary employee to date.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIDOL will provide data related to the number of temporary employees hired and the reduction in the backlog of claims.

Project 000070: Temp Staffing

Funding amount: \$71,647

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview

- Funding will extend temporary employee contracts to assist with reducing the VI Bureau of Motor Vehicles (VIBMV) backlog of registration and licensing due to the pandemic.
- Anticipated timeline: 01/18/2022 - 12/30/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contract for temporary labor.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Reduce backlog of registration and licensing applications.
- Output Measure: VIBMV will extend their staffing contracts for 2 temporary employees.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. Upon availability of data, VIBMV will provide the reduction in backlogged registration and licensing applications processed by the temporary employees.

## Premium Pay – Expenditure Category 4

Project 000056: Premium Pay - Central Government

Funding amount: \$902,006

Project Expenditure Category: 4.1 Public Sector Employees

### Project Overview

- The U.S. Virgin Islands Premium Pay program is designed to compensate eligible public sector employees who performed essential work and faced additional risks as a virtue of their employment.
- Anticipated timeline: 1/28/2022 - 12/31/2024
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Direct payments to eligible employees.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Provide premium pay to critical front line workers.
- Output Measure: This project is currently in process. As of June 30, 2022, OMB has identified 491 employees who provided essential work for public sector employers during the public health emergency.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. As of June 30, 2022, OMB has provided premium pay to 491 essential employees.

Project 000059: Premium Pay - Private Sector

Funding amount: \$446,750

Project Expenditure Category: 4.2 Private Sector: Grants to Other Employers

### Project Overview

- The U.S. Virgin Islands Premium Pay program is designed to compensate eligible private sector employees who performed essential work and faced additional risks as a virtue of their employment.
- Anticipated timeline: 6/27/2022 - 12/31/2024
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Direct payments to eligible employees.
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

### Performance Report

- Project Goal: Provide premium pay to critical front line workers.

- Output Measure: This project is currently in process. As of June 30, 2022, OMB identified 250 employees who provided essential work for private sector employers during the public health emergency.
- Outcome Measure: This project is currently in process. As of June 30, 2022, OMB provided premium pay to 250 essential employees.

## Revenue Replacement – Expenditure Category 6

The below projects are all funded under the provision of government services and have fewer reporting requirements than projects funded under other expenditure categories. As such, the sections of Use of Evidence and Performance Report sections are not included for these projects.

### Project 000007: Revenue Replacement (Fuel)

Funding amount: \$22,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview

- These funds will cover increased fuel costs as a result of COVID 19 as a provision of government services.
- Anticipated timeline: 04/21/2022 - 05/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: N/A - Revenue Replacement
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Project 000039: Vehicle Purchases

Funding amount: \$2,876,849

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview

- SLFRF funding is being utilized to cover the costs of necessary vehicles purchased for the VI Police Department.
- Anticipated timeline: 04/01/2020 - 12/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: N/A - Revenue Replacement
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

### Project 000038: School Maintenance & Repairs

Funding amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview

- The VI Department of Education (VIDE) has identified a myriad of needs to be addressed to help maintain and upgrade its facilities as a provision of government services.

- Anticipated timeline: 02/23/2022 - 02/23/2024
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: N/A - Revenue Replacement
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Project 000057: STX Road Projects

Funding amount: \$13,926,958

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project Overview

- VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) is utilizing funding to perform repairs and maintenance of roads in multiple locations throughout St. Croix.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/18/2022 - 09/30/2024
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: N/A - Revenue Replacement
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Project 000060: STT Road Repairs Projects

Funding amount: \$8,873,345

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project Overview

- VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) is utilizing funding to perform repairs and maintenance of roads in multiple locations throughout St. Thomas.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/18/2022 - 09/30/2024
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: N/A - Revenue Replacement
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Project 000067: Clifton Hill Road Route Reconstruction

Funding amount: \$5,400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project Overview

- VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) is utilizing funding to perform repairs and maintenance of roads in multiple locations throughout the Territory.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/18/2022 - 09/30/2024
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: N/A - Revenue Replacement
- Website: N/A

- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Project 000096: STJ Road Project

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project Overview

- VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) is utilizing funding to perform repairs and maintenance of roads in multiple locations throughout St. John.
- Anticipated timeline: 02/18/2022 - 12/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: N/A - Revenue Replacement
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

## Administrative – Expenditure Category 7

Project 000102: ARPA Consulting

Funding amount: \$729,167

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses

Project Overview

- VI Office of Management and Budget (VIOMB) is utilizing funding to hire a consultant to assist with ARPA SLFRF grant management.
- Anticipated timeline: 01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022
- Primary delivery mechanisms and partners: Contracted services
- Website: N/A
- This is not an infrastructure project and as such does not address climate change and/or advance the Justice40 initiative.

Use of Evidence

This project does not incorporate evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluations.

Performance Report

- Project Goal: Assist OMB with ARPA SLFRF grant management.
- Output Measure: Consultant was procured to assist ARPA SLFRF grant management.
- Outcome Measure: Consultant is providing requested services to OMB.

## Appendix A - Budget by Expenditure Category

<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
<b>1: Public Health</b>	<b>\$39,892,191</b>
Vaccination Programs	5,500,000
COVID-19 Testing	2,000,000
Prevention in Congregate Settings	6,419,791
Personal Protective Equipment	500,000
Enhancing Healthcare Capacity	4,472,000
Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities	2,000,000
Public Health Services	1,000,400
Mental Health Services	1,500,000
Substance Use Services	500,000
Other Public Health Services	6,500,000
Community Violence Interventions & Territorial Crime Initiatives	5,000,000
Communication / Dissemination of Public Health Information & COVID-19 Task Force	4,500,000
<b>2: Negative Economic Impacts</b>	<b>\$100,545,001</b>
Housing Support: Affordable Housing	20,000,000
Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons	5,000,000
Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	6,000,000
Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention	250,000
Household Assistance: Aid to Fixed Income Households	11,000,000
Household Assistance: Improving Community Accessibility	11,894,321
Household Assistance: Utility Aid	6,750,000
Household Assistance: Community Spaces	1,776,000
Household Assistance: Senior Assistance	1,866,000
Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	250,000
Job Training Assistance	10,500,000
Aid to Travel, Tourism, & Hospitality	17,000,000
Small Business & Private-Nonprofit Assistance	8,258,680
<b>3: Public Sector Capacity</b>	<b>\$31,758,799</b>
Clinical Incentives	16,000,000
Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff	12,758,799
Technology Improvements	3,000,000
<b>4: Premium Pay</b>	<b>\$40,000,000</b>
Public and Private Sector Employees	40,000,000
<b>5: Infrastructure</b>	<b>\$152,448,079</b>
Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance	19,000,000
Clean Water: Stormwater	30,000,000



Expenditure Category	Budget Amount
Drinking Water	84,227,000
Broadband	19,221,079
<b>6: Revenue Replacement</b>	<b>\$180,700,000</b>
Provision of Government Services	180,700,000
<b>7: Administrative</b>	<b>\$1,832,814</b>
Administrative Expenses	1,832,814

## Appendix B – ARPA Grant Funds

Below is a listing of other ARPA grants that the Territory has either received or requested.

- Adult Protective Services
- Child Care Stabilization Grants
- Congregate Meals
- Crisis Response Workforce
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Epidemiology and Lab Capacity for School Testing
- Expand Genomic Sequencing
- Family Caregivers
- FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
- FTA Urbanized Area Formula
- Head Start
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Homeowner Assistance Fund
- Institute of Museum and Library Services - States
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Low Income Household Water Assistance Program
- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting
- Mental Health Block Grant
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Pediatric Mental Health Care Access
- Preventive Services
- Public Health Laboratory Preparedness
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 3-year State Admin Expense Grants
- Supportive Services
- Title VII Ombudsman