

ACT NO. 8765

BILL NO. 35-0151

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2023

An Act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The sum of \$29,005,458, or as much as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to be transferred to the University of the Virgin Islands Fund for expenditure by the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the purposes hereinafter named in this section in accordance with the provisions of title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapters 33 and 35:

(a) For salaries, including pay for regular and temporary employees; salary increases; employer's FICA and retirement contributions; overtime compensation of hourly rated employees; books, magazines, teaching materials and audio-visual supplies; equipment and supplies for offices, classrooms, laboratories, library, student and faculty lodging; recreational and common rooms; dormitories; repair, improvement and maintenance of the University campus and its buildings and other appurtenances; contracted, outside services, such as legal, architectural, auditing and printing services; and payment of other legitimate expenses of the University, including principal and interest of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33 and 35.

(b) For incidental expenses including travel expense and per diem of University faculty, administrative and other employees, and members of advisory councils, boards and overseers; family travel and moving expenses from other points of the Virgin Islands for new staff members; and for the expenses of conferences and workshops as may be approved by the Board of Trustees.

(c) The sum of \$1,200,000 is appropriated out of the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands to fund salary increases in fiscal year 2024.

SECTION 2. To supplement the sums appropriated by this act, the Board of Trustees may levy fees for tuition, housing, food services, and the use of university-owned buildings as may be reasonable and proper, devoting the fee income solely to the purposes specified subsections (a) and (b) of section 1 of this act. The Board of Trustees may continue to make every effort to secure gifts, grants, and loans to the University of the Virgin Islands from private individuals, foundations, and federal government agencies and to utilize the gifts, grants, and loans for the purposes specified by the donor or lender.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$2,808,059 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the payment of debt service costs of the University of the Virgin Islands.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$300,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands to provide matching grants for the Small Business Development Center pursuant to title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 474.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$100,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for senior citizens' tuition Pursuant to title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 475.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$150,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for valedictorian and salutatorian scholarships Pursuant to title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 476.

SECTION 7. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$100,000 to the Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning (CELL) Program for use for vocational education programs.

SECTION 8. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$200,000 for the Green Technology Program pursuant to Act No. 7222.

SECTION 9. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$355,901 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the University Bound Program, formerly the Upward Bound Program.

SECTION 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of

\$100,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program.

SECTION 11. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$300,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Virgin Islands Academic and Cultural Awards Endowment.

SECTION 12. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$80,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Social Work Program Accreditation.

SECTION 13. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$100,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the maintenance and security of John Brewer's Beach.

SECTION 14. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$400,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing - St. Croix campus.

SECTION 15. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$150,470 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center.

SECTION 16. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$459,345 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Hospitality and Tourism Program.

SECTION 17. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$989,912 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Agricultural Science and Aquaculture Program.

SECTION 18. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$615,502 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Master's Program in Social Work on the Albert A. Sheen campus.

SECTION 19. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$115,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Summer Bridge Program.

SECTION 20. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$110,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Labor Force Scholarship.

SECTION 21. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$150,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Congressional Scholarship Program.

SECTION 22. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$250,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the EPSCOR.

SECTION 23. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$27,500 for the Inclusive Early Childhood Education Program in the School of Education. Inclusive Early Childhood Education Program student majors and early care and education professionals will be engaged in a variety of professional development opportunities to enhance and supplement courses offered.

SECTION 24. There is an appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$75,000 for the Office of Self-Determination & Constitutional Development.

SECTION 25. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$175,000 for the UVI Simulation Center Maintenance and Supplies.

SECTION 26. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$250,000 for the UVI CELL Surveyor Program.

SECTION 27. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$100,000 for the UVI CELL Appraisers Program.

SECTION 28. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$484,146 for the Construction Manager Program.


SECTION 29. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the sum of \$1,000,000 for the UVI Medical School Debt Service.

0100 GENERAL FUND	FY 2024
900 UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$38,951,293
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Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on September 22, 2023.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 26th day of September, A.D., 2023.




Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President


Carla J. Joseph
Secretary

Bill No. 35-0151
is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, This 29th day of September 2023 A.D.


Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

