

Community Outreach Session

**Electrical Power System
Improvement and Enhancement**

**April 16, 2024, St. Croix
April 17, 2024, St. Thomas
April 18, 2024, St. John**



Community Engagement Objectives

- To share
- To ask questions
- To receive feedback

Join VIHFA for a series of public hearings to discuss the launch of the Electrical Grid Grant, and to provide input on how funding can be used to benefit the community. Through the grant, \$10 million is available to public and private entities to address unmet electrical needs from past disasters and build long-term resilience against future threats.

IN PERSON

St. Croix | Tuesday, April 16, 2024

VIPA Conference Room @ Henry Rolson Airport,
6-7PM

St. Thomas | Wednesday, April 17, 2024

SBDC Training Room @UVI Innovation Center,
6-7PM

St. John | Thursday, April 18, 2024

Julius E. Sprauve Cafeteria,
6-7PM

Formal comments can be sent to media@vihfa.gov

Please complete the questionnaire at the end of the presentation.

**HUD
ALLOCATION:**

**\$67.635
million**

**PROGRAM
ALLOCATIONS:**

\$53 million

**Estate Richmond
Generation Facility**

\$10 million

**Community Electrical
Innovations Program**

**PROGRAM
LAUNCH:**

**June
03
2024**

Program Funding Overview – Eligible Activities

Electrical Power System Improvement and Enhancement (EPSEI) :

Acquisition, Construction

**Installation of
Facilities**

Reconstruction

Rehabilitation

Improvements



Extend, Upgrade, Enhance and Improve the Grantee's Electrical Power System

**Cost-
effectiveness**

**Reliability
Efficiency**

Sustainability

**Long-term
Financial Viability**

Funding Goal

To enhance other electrical power system improvement projects that may be currently being implemented with other financial investments by implementing projects that demonstrate innovative ideas to meet the energy resiliency needs of organizations that serve low to moderate income persons and vulnerable populations.

Roles and Responsibilities

HUD:

- Awards CDBG-DR funds to grantees
- Conducts federal oversight of rules and requirements

VIHFA:

- Administrator of the territory's CDBG-DR Electrical Power System Improvements funds
- Lead coordinator with territorial and federal agencies and community stakeholders

SUBRECIPIENT:

- Determine beneficiary eligibility
- Determine site feasibility
- Perform application evaluation
- Ensure national objective compliance

BENEFICIARY:

- Organization that services LMI persons or vulnerable populations
- O&M for Project's Useful life

Program Eligibility

Eligible Entities:

- Public
- Private
- For-Profit
- Nonprofit
- Entities with experience working with
 - **low- to moderate-income populations or**
 - **vulnerable populations**

Program Activity Requirements

To qualify for funding, all activity must:

1. Meet definition of an EPSEI.
2. Meet a National Objective.
3. Be completed in within grant cycle, (6 years).
4. Meet Program Requirements.

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Program Limitations

Program restrictions include:

- Providing residential solar
- Providing diesel generators
- Structural repairs
- Activities on private land w/o public benefit
- Ground mounted solar
- Vegetation management
- Entities outside territory
- Operation and Maintenance
- Fuel cost or energy purchase*



Program Latitude

Acceptable project features include:

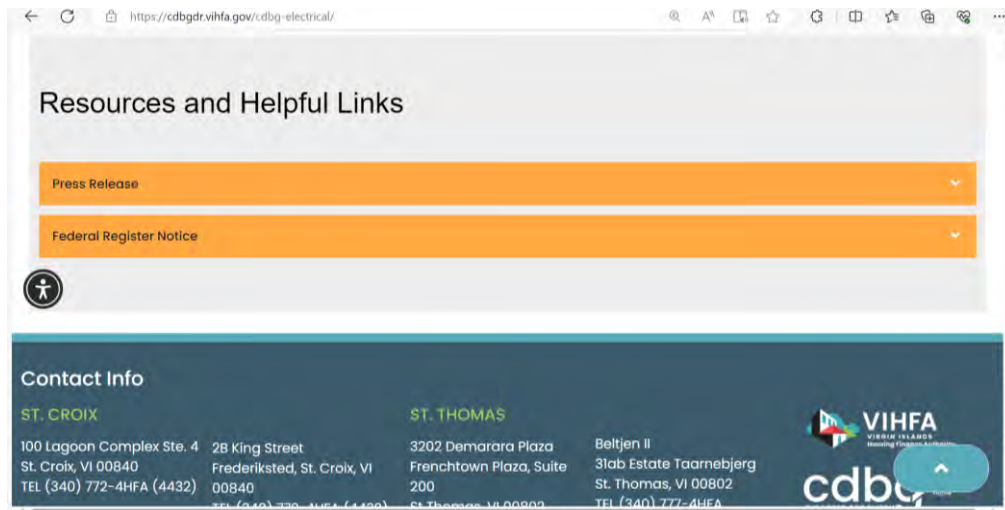
- Renewable energy resources
- Backup supply
- Redundancy measures
- Hardening
- Self-generation

How to learn more or contact the Team?

Check our Resources and Helpful Links:

Method 1: Webpage

<https://cdbgdr.vihfa.gov/cdbg-electrical/>



Send an inquiry:

Method 2: Email Process:

Email to media@vihfa.gov.

- Use Subject – “Electrical Grid”
- Include in message body (1) Entity Name, (2) Entity Contact Person - Name and Title; Email and Telephone
- Inquiry Message

USVI Electric Grid Program Questionnaire



Public Engagement Schedule

STX Tuesday April 16, 2024

VIPA Conference Room @ Henry
Rolson Airport, 6-7pm

Monday June 3, 2024

Program Launch

STT Wednesday April 17, 2024

SBDC Training Room @ UVI
Innovation Center, 6-7pm

STJ Thursday April 18, 2024

Julius E. Sprauve Cafeteria, 6-7 pm

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THANK YOU