

3rd Substantial Amendment to  
CDBG-Mitigation Action Plan

# Public Prehearing

**August 9, 2024**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Virtual**

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# Public Hearing

**August 12, 2024 6:00 pm**  
**VI Port Authority Conference Room**  
St. Thomas

**August 13, 2024 6:00 pm**  
**Hamilton House Conference Room**  
St. Croix

# Presenters

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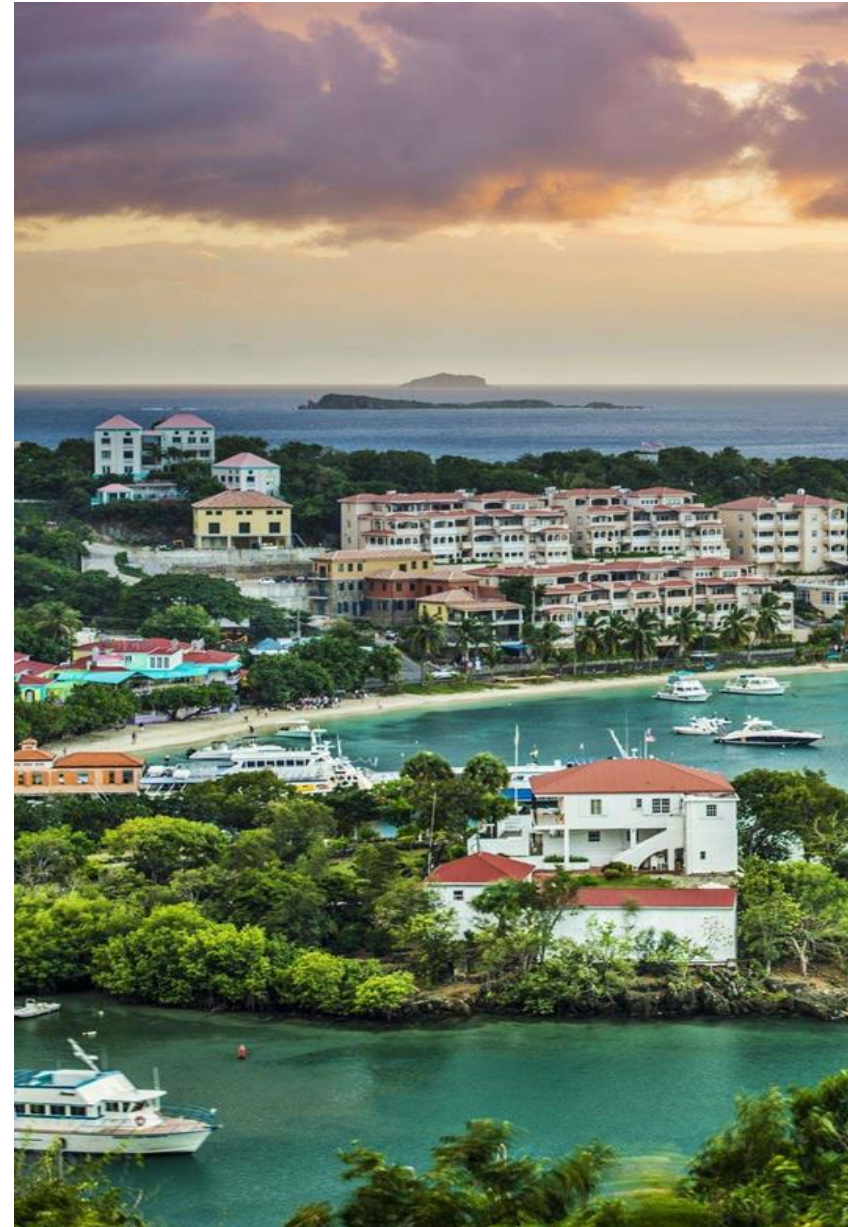
VIHFA, Director of Mitigation

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# Public Hearing Goals

**Provide the community an opportunity to:**

## **LEARN**

- Mitigation
- Eligibility Requirements
- Action Plan Amendment



## **ASK**

Questions and provide input regarding the proposed substantial amendment

## **PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS:**

Verbal comments are encouraged at the end of the presentation; comments will be accepted at the hearing or in writing.

Written comments can be sent to the following address:

- Email: [media@vihfa.gov](mailto:media@vihfa.gov)
- Please label your comments: ***Substantial Amendment 3 – CDBG -MIT Action Plan***

# CDBG-MIT



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US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated **\$774,188,000** in CDBG-MIT funds: (a) territorial mitigation and (b) resilience improvements.



Per FRN, VIHFA will conduct three (3) public hearings

# Mitigation Activity, Definition

Activities that increase resilience to disasters and eliminate long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters.

*\* CDBG-MIT requirements are established in 84 FR 45838 (CDBG-MIT Main Notice) and 85 FR 2676.*

# CDBG-MIT Activity Requirements

- 1** Meet the definition of a Mitigation Activity
- 2** Address current and future risks identified in the Territorial Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 3** CDBG-eligibility activities under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act 1974 (HCDA)
- 4** Meet a HUD National Objective & a FEMA Community Lifeline



# CDBG-MIT National Objectives & Community Lifelines

**Demonstrate or Consistent with:**

National Objectives:

Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI)

Low-to-Moderate Housing (LMH)

FEMA Community Lifelines:





# Mitigation Activities



## Activity Categories


<b>Infrastructure &amp; Public Facilities</b>	<b>Housing &amp; Public Services</b>	<b>Economic Resilience &amp; Revitalization</b>
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- Strategic activities to minimize, mitigate or eliminate risks and reduce losses from future disasters.
- An opportunity to improve local planning protocols and procedures in the Territory.

# Substantial Amendment

- Details the proposed use of all funds

<b>Benefits or Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>Project Activities</b>	<b>Allocation Thresholds</b>	<b>Covered Projects</b>
Change in the program benefit or eligibility criteria	Addition or deletion of an activity	Change to the allocation or reallocation of monetary thresholds	Addition of eligible cover projects



# Proposed Activity Allocation

## 2nd Amendment

Resilient Multifamily Housing	\$100,000,000
Single Family Resilient New Home Construction Homeownership	\$60,000,000
Homeless Housing	\$23,000,000
Innovative and Resilient Housing	\$5,000,000

\$109,900,000

\$53,600,000

\$19,500,000

\$5,000,000

Resilient Multifamily Housing

Single Family Resilient New Home Construction Homeownership

Homeless Housing

Innovative and Resilient Housing


## 3rd Amendment

# Housing



Funding  
Our  
Future

# Resilient Multifamily Housing

 <p><b>New Allocation</b></p>	<p><b>\$109,900,000</b></p>
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New Programs	
<p><b>Real Property Acquisition &amp; Homeownership Conversion</b></p>	<p>The program facilitates the acquisition of land and properties for developing affordable housing and community facilities, prioritizing benefits for low- and moderate-income individuals. Additionally, it focuses on converting rental units into affordable homes, supporting rehabilitation and financial assistance to increase homeownership rates among low- and moderate-income households, all while ensuring compliance with federal guidelines and regulations.</p>
<p><b>Multifamily Housing Construction and Rehabilitation Program</b></p>	<p>The program provides funding for necessary repairs and upgrades to meet current safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency standards while ensuring that rehabilitated units remain affordable for LMI households through adherence to guidelines and compliance measures. Additionally, the Multifamily New Construction Housing Program aims to address unmet housing needs by developing new rental units that align with modern standards, promoting secure, cost-effective housing options and incorporating resilient building practices to protect against future hazards.</p>

# Single Family Resilient New Home Construction (Homeownership)



**New  
Allocation**

**\$53,600,000**

## Program

Turnkey Development

The program aims to address housing needs and community development goals. By centralizing responsibility, maximizing efficiency, and ensuring adherence to federal guidelines, this program will increase housing stock and provide affordable homeownership opportunities.



# Homeless Housing Initiative



**New  
Allocation**

**\$ 19,500,000**

## Program

Permanent Supportive Housing

The program is designed to provide long-term, stable housing combined with supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or who have special needs. This model recognizes that safe and stable housing is a critical foundation for individuals to address other challenges such as mental health issues, substance use disorders, and chronic health problems.



# Innovative Resilient Housing



**Allocation**

**\$5,000,000**

## New Programs

### Homeowner Solar Power Initiative

The program aims to encourage residential solar energy adoption, providing homeowners with the necessary resources, education, and support to transition to renewable energy sources. By focusing on accessibility and equity, this initiative not only contributes to environmental sustainability but also enhances energy independence, economic resilience, and quality of life for communities across the nation.

### Water Filtration Initiative

The program promotes a proactive approach to ensuring access to safe drinking water for homeowners across the United States. By providing financial support, education, and resources, this initiative aims to mitigate water quality issues, enhance public health, and empower communities to take control of their water resources.





# Eligible Activities

The Housing and Community Development Act (**HCDA**) plays a crucial role in shaping and implementing programs aimed at improving housing and community development.



## Innovative Resilient Housing Program

- HCDA Section 105(a)(3) Code Enforcement




By carefully considering several factors, you can increase the effectiveness and success of your community development efforts.

# PUBLIC SERVICES



# Public Services

 <p><b>Allocation</b></p>	<p><b>\$15,000,000</b></p>
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New Program	
<p>Community Resilience Program (CRP)</p>	<p>The Community Resilience Program (CRP) is designed to provide targeted assistance and resources to individuals and families within vulnerable populations, ensuring they are well-informed and equipped to handle disasters. Through proactive interventions and robust support networks, CRP aims to create more resilient and sustainable communities, enhancing their capacity to withstand and recover from disasters.</p>
Eligible Applicants	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For-profit businesses</li> <li>• Non-profit organizations</li> <li>• Units of Government of the USVI</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	

# Public Services

## 2nd Amendment

- **Improved Access to Healthcare**



## 3rd Amendment

- **Food Security**
- **Case Management**
- **Wraparound needs**
- **Enhanced Safety & Security**
- **Technology Based Resiliency**

# Public Comments

- Individuals who wish to provide public comments at one of the hearings will each be given three minutes to speak.
- Those wishing to speak are encouraged to provide a written copy of their comments to VIHFA staff.
- All written comments can be submitted by:
  - Email: [media@vihfa.gov](mailto:media@vihfa.gov)
    - Please label your comments:  
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For additional information, please visit VIHFA's website at: <https://cdbgdr.vihfa.gov/programs/cdbg-mitigation/>

# Public Engagement

AUG | FRI

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 **LIVE** 6 pm

**Prehearing**  
Pre-Action Plan Publication

AUG | MON

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**St. Thomas/ St. John** 6 pm  
Port Authority Conference Room  
30-Day Comment Period Opens

**1st Public Hearing**

AUG | TUES

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**St. Croix** 6 pm  
Hamilton House Conference Room  
56 & 56A King Street  
Christiansted  
**2nd Public Hearing**

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September 12, 2024

**Last Day for Public Comments**

30-Day Comment Period Ends

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September 20, 2024

**Action Plan Amendment  
3 Submitted to HUD for  
Approval**



**Thank You!**