

# CDBG-DR ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**St. Croix | Thursday, September 26, 2024 - VIHFA Hamilton House**

**St. Thomas/St. John | Thursday, October 3, 2024 - VIPA Conference Room**

# WELCOME

On behalf of Executive Director **Eugene Jones** and Chief Disaster Recovery Officer **Dayna Clendinen**.

VIHFA Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR” or “DR”) **Action Plan 5<sup>th</sup> Substantial Amendment** Public Hearing.

## **Presenters/Team:**

**Ann Hanley**, DR Program Administrator

**Deseree Scott**, DR Project Manager

**Jerrica Jarvis**, DR Administrative Assistant



# PURPOSE

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## Community Engagement:

- ❑ *Learn* of VIHFA's plan to reallocate the remaining CDBG-DR funding.
- ❑ *Understand* how and why reallocation or change in designated beneficiaries' recommendations are made.
- ❑ *Ask* questions and provide input regarding the proposed reallocation and/or change in designated beneficiaries.



## Opportunity To:

- ❑ Formal comments will be accepted here at the hearing or in writing. Written comments can be sent to the following address:
  - E-mail: [media@vihfa.gov](mailto:media@vihfa.gov)
  - Please label your comments: *CDBG-DR Action Plan Amendment (5)*

## BACKGROUND

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- ❑ The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated **\$1,075,489,884** in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (**CDBG-DR**) funds to support the Virgin Islands recovery from 2017 Hurricanes Irma and Maria.
- ❑ VIHFA, grantee, administers these funds.
- ❑ November 11, 2023, the Public Finance Authority/Virgin Islands Office of Disaster Recovery (VIODR) via subrecipient amendment No. SA-DR(PFA/ODR)-001-2024 provides Programmatic Management and project oversight of CDBG-DR Projects.
- The Action Plan can be found on our website at: <https://cdbgdr.vihfa.gov/news/>

# CDBG-DR FUNDS

\$1,075,489,884 HUD Allocation



Funds can be used for five (5) categories of activities that directly respond to impacts from **Hurricanes Irma & Maria**.

**Housing**

**Public Services & Special  
Needs Housing**

**Infrastructure**

**Economic  
Revitalization**

**Planning  
& Grant  
Administration**

## SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT REQUIRED...

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>3% of the total disaster recovery allocations or change in designated beneficiaries.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Substantial Amendment highlights the following three (3) factors:

- ❑ Project removal/deletions, consolidation of and the reallocation of funding.
  - Add additional funding to housing projects to address increased cost of construction, specifically PAHD and NHIC programs.
  - Consolidation of projects: Housing and Infrastructure
  
- ❑ Addressing the remaining unmet needs for the programs.
  
- ❑ The ability to expend funds within the remaining time allotted for the US Virgin Islands CDBG-DR grant cycle, *September 2026*.

# PROPOSED BUDGET



Program	Substantial Amendment #4	Change In Allocation	Substantial Amendment #5 Revised Allocation	Percent of Total Allocation
Housing	\$498,489,682	\$29,017,977	\$527,507,659	49.05%
Public Services & Special Needs Housing (Public Facilities)	\$13,409,491	\$7,602,128	\$21,011,619	1.95%
Infrastructure	\$434,610,240	-\$10,797,278	\$423,812,962	39.41%
Economic Revitalization	\$57,205,977	-\$25,822,827	\$31,383,150	2.92%
Subtotal	\$1,003,715,390	\$0	\$1,003,715,390	93.33%
Planning	\$18,000,000	\$0	\$18,000,000	1.67%
Administration	\$53,774,494	\$0	\$53,774,494	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,075,489,884</b>		<b>\$1,075,489,884</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* Note: Public Facilities retitled as Special Needs Housing



# HOUSING





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Allocation increased **\$29,017,977** for housing programs in this Amendment:

- ❑ Increased cost of construction due to shipping, material and labor.
- ❑ Construction of up to twenty (20) single and multi-family homes including construction and/or rehabilitation of public housing.
- ❑ Initiative enhances homeownership opportunities for LMI increasing inventory and affordability.



*\* Consolidation of housing projects (PAHD & NHIC) providing funding to address flexibility by the Subrecipient.*

# PROGRAM BENEFITS

LMI benefits remains at 70%, based on community need; two (2) programs will be extending benefits to households between 81 and 120% of Area Median Income (AMI).

- New Housing Infrastructure Construction (NHIC) Program:
  - Option 1- remains at 80% AMI;
  - Option 2 - extends to 120% AMI (*Own a Lot-Build A Home Program*)
  
- EnVIsion Homeowner Repair and Reconstruction Program

## FY 2023 INCOME LIMITS

Income Limits	1-Person	2-Person	3-Person	4-Person	5-Person	6-Person	7-Person	8-Person
30 Percent	\$22,050	\$25,200	\$28,350	\$31,450	\$34,000	\$36,500	\$39,000	\$41,550
50 Percent	\$36,750	\$42,000	\$47,250	\$52,450	\$56,650	\$60,850	\$65,050	\$69,250
80 Percent	\$58,750	\$67,150	\$75,550	\$83,900	\$90,650	\$97,350	\$104,050	\$110,750
100 Percent	\$73,450	\$83,950	\$94,450	\$104,900	\$113,300	\$121,700	\$130,100	\$138,500
120 Percent	\$88,150	\$100,750	\$113,350	\$125,900	\$136,000	\$146,050	\$156,150	\$166,200

VIHFA continues to track LMI expenditures to ensure 70% LMI benefit requirement is met or exceeded.

## PUBLIC SERVICE & SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Special Needs Housing focuses on repairs/replacements of damaged facilities that provide services to “at risk” populations – *i.e., children, the elderly, homeless persons, persons with disabilities, and victims of domestic violence.*

**\$19,537,821** is allocated and committed to eligible projects for Special Needs Housing.

**\$1,473,798** has been allocated for Public Services.

Funding provides:

- ❑ Service to “at risk” populations to assist with recovery from the impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria.
- ❑ Supplemental support to territorial agencies that will directly accelerate the speed of recovery.



*\*Projects: Supportive Needs Housing (SNH) seven (7) and three (3) for Public Services.*

# INFRASTRUCTURE



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## ☐ Allocation

- Increase of \$1.58M for the Infrastructure Repair and Resilience.
- Decrease of \$30.4M from Electrical Power Systems Enhancements and Improvements

## Projects:

### ☐ **Virgin Islands(VI)Waste Management Authority**

- Convenience Centers & Transfer Station
- Anguilla Landfill Phased Closure

### ☐ **VI Water and Power Authority**

- Randolph Harley - New Generation
- Slope Stabilization

### ☐ **Office of the Lieutenant Governor**

- Street Addressing Initiative

\* *Consolidation of convenience center projects providing funding to address flexibility by the Subrecipient.*

# NON-FEDERAL COST SHARE

*(Cost Share: FEMA 90% | Local (HUD) 10%)*

- ❑ Designed to assist state agencies, public entities, local non-profit organizations, and other eligible applicants by leveraging CDBG-DR funds with FEMA Public Assistance (FEMA PA) provided to the Virgin Islands to maximize, facilitate and ensure recovery.
- ❑ DR funds are limited to covering the non-federal cost share match portion related to FEMA PA eligible project worksheets (PWs).



# ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

- ❑ Funding for Economic Revitalization Program decreased with the removal of the Port Dredging Project (Charlotte Amalie Harbor).
- ❑ Neighborhood Revitalization Program funding remains the same, funding for:
  - Grants and technical assistance to small businesses and microenterprises.
  - Grants to improve facades, landscaping and amenities in commercial areas.



## PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

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- ❑ There was **no change** to the allocation for planning activities. **\$3,500,000** of Planning Funds will be utilized for the Water and Power Authority Slope Stabilization project. SAI Project.

*Investigation and design of water tanks slope geotechnical properties, et al; stabilize vertical hillside to maintain connection of the water distribution system and preventing catastrophic flooding.*

- ❑ The administrative allocation remains at the maximum 5% of the total grant.



# ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

SEPT | MON

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**Substantial Amendment Posted to USVI – CDBG-DR website**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing**

**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2024

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Location:** St. Thomas  
VIPA Conference Room

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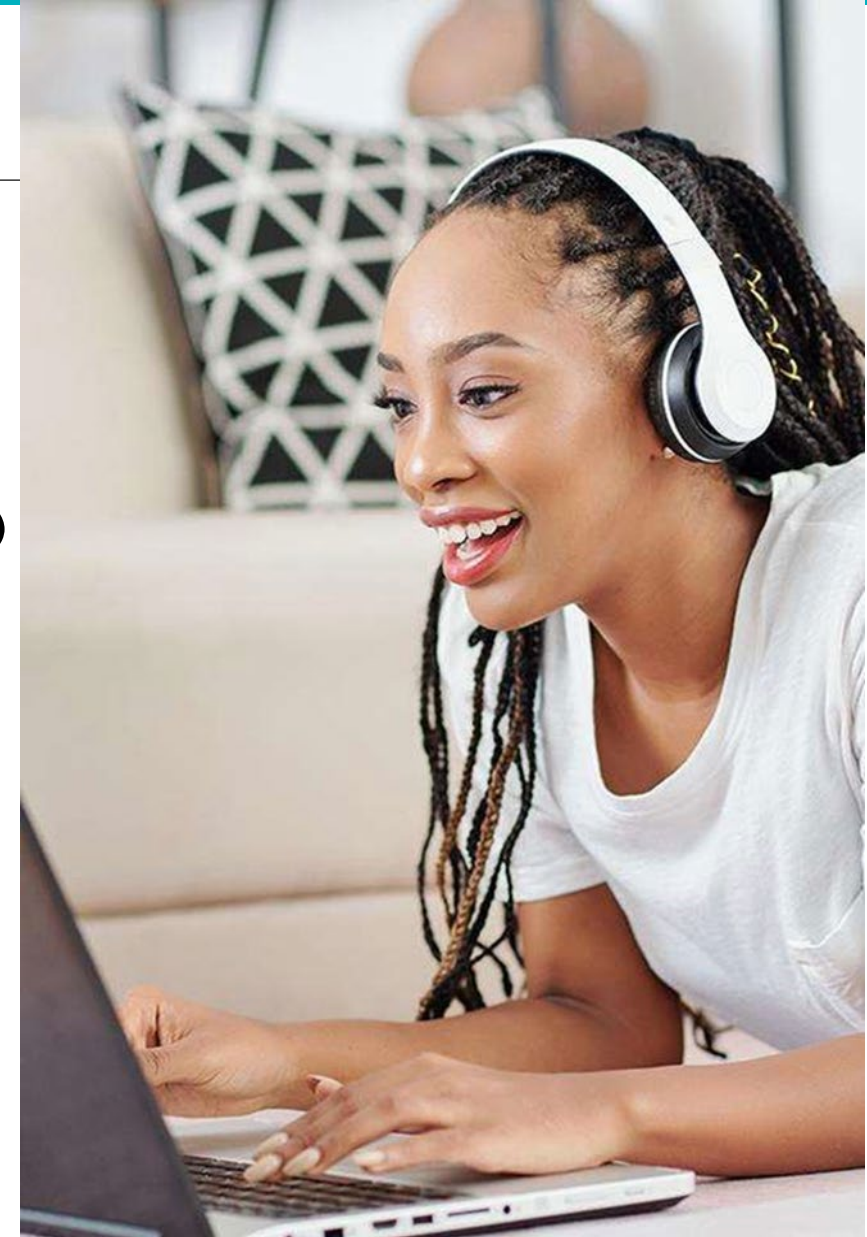
**Substantial Amendment Submitted to HUD**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Individuals who wish to ask a question or make a statement are encouraged to provide a written copy of their questions or statements to VIHFA staff.

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- For additional information, please visit VIHFA's website at: <https://cdbgdr.vihfa.gov/news/>



# Thank You!



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