

Grantee: Virgin Islands

Grant: B-18-DE-78-0001

April 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2025 Performance Report

Grant Number: B-18-DE-78-0001	Obligation Date:	Award Date:
Grantee Name: Virgin Islands	Contract End Date: 06/06/2029	Review by HUD: Submitted - Await for Review
Grant Award Amount: \$67,653,000.00	Grant Status: Active	QPR Contact: No QPR Contact Found
LOCCS Authorized Amount: \$67,653,000.00	Estimated PI/RL Funds: \$0.00	
Total Budget: \$67,653,000.00		

Disasters:

Declaration Number

FEMA-4340-VI

Narratives

Disaster Damage:

Hurricane Irma impacted the USVI on September 6 as a powerful windstorm that directly passed over St. Thomas and St. John, tearing roofs off many buildings while also dropping rain at unprecedented levels while the hurricane slowly crossed the Territory. On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria came behind with similar characteristics on a parallel path, causing considerable water damage to the many unprotected structures already without roofs in the St. Thomas and St. John district, while also still inflicting even more severe damage on St. Croix just a few days after Irma had left the area. Catastrophic hurricane rains from Maria fell on already saturated ground from the prior category 5 hurricane, which led to additional flooding and landslides, dramatically impacting already damaged infrastructure systems in the Territory. From the perspective of electric utility systems, these two storms placed considerable additional pressure on the Territory’s aging infrastructure, washed out roadways, created debris, caused mudslides, and downed most power lines in the USVI. Damage to the Territory’s infrastructure had farreaching effects, starting with how long it took for heavy equipment to get up onto the roads to begin rebuilding homes and restoring power and other essential services. Even though Hurricanes Irma and Maria arrived in the Territory more than five (5) years ago, power instability from these storms continue to hamper its economic recovery, impeding efforts to complete the Territory’s much-needed recovery cycle. Frequent blackouts occur in the USVI due to insufficient generation or instability within existing systems. Unpredictable power outages continue to be common in the Territory, even as already high electricity prices continue to rise. Energy remains the single most comprehensive and critical factor to be addressed for the Territory’s future, as systemic energy instability negatively impacts daily life in so many ways. Residents in the USVI need power to have access to water, healthcare, communication, refrigeration, fuel, cooling, and security.

Electrical Power System Recovery Needs:

Hurricanes Irma and Maria significantly damaged key elements of the electrical systems in both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. At its peak 95% of the Territory was without power, with repairs taking five months before power could be restored. Most residents in the Territory had no potable water for weeks, and some for many months. In the Territory 90% of customers lost internet access due to damage from the hurricanes to telecommunications infrastructure. These effects following Hurricanes Irma and Maria are all linked to power infrastructure failures. Total needs for infrastructure improvements – to energy infrastructure, but to a broader infrastructure as well, following the hurricanes were set at \$6.93 billion, including the costs for estimated emergency recovery measures, permanent repair, and reconstruction work, as well as planned resilience and mitigation efforts. The Territory has previously identified multiple disaster-related infrastructure priorities to be addressed using available funding resources. The storms’ impact on infrastructure and its systems has affected many systems, which has informed prior project decisions and priorities addressed within previously approved CDBG Action Plans including particularly prioritizing funds to initiatives that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and households.

Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$67,653,000.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$67,653,000.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$67,653,000.00

Total Funds Drawdown	\$31,070.51	\$31,070.51
Program Funds Drawdown	\$31,070.51	\$31,070.51
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

### Funds Expended

Overall	This Period	To Date
V.I. Housing Finance Authority (VIHFA)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
VI Housing Finance Authority	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

## Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

Requirement	Target	Projected	Actual
Overall Benefit Percentage	70.00%	84.13%	.00%
Overall Benefit Amount	\$44,100,000.00	\$53,000,000.00	\$ .00
Limit on Public Services	\$10,147,950.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$13,530,600.00	\$4,653,000.00	\$31,070.51
Limit on Admin	\$3,382,650.00	\$3,382,650.00	\$31,070.51
Most Impacted and Distressed	\$67,653,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$ .00

## Overall Progress Narrative:

\*\*although we updated our action plan to reflect the Community Electrical Innovation Program being "underway" it is still not showing up in the Activities tab.\*\*

In April, the CEI project SRA was executed, the Notice to Proceed was been provided, the Tier I Environmental Review was completed, and the AUGF received. The Dept of Energy team worked on the intake phase and advertisement phase. The team also participated in a townhall to discuss the upcoming launch of the program. The VIHFA team conducted ongoing technical assistance to assist DOE with submitting their first payment request. In May, VIEO completed the beneficiary applications for the June 16th launch date. Beneficiaries will be able to apply using VIEO’s website link. Prior to the June 16 launch, potential applicants were encouraged to fill out an interest form to stay updated on VIEO’s CEI website tab. TA for payment submission.

In June, the application process for beneficiaries and the adaptation of VIHFA policy was finalized, as well as the final step-by-step rollout of the program, including documentation of the national objectives achieved. The Beneficiary intake period officially kicked off on June 16<sup>th</sup>. 1 complete application has been submitted with several applicants recieving TA on the application process. Marketing and advertisements have been made to the public. The team is currently working with Dept of Energy to improve payment request packaging.

Next quarter, the team will work on eligible applicants to begin the construction/installation process and continue the marketing/advertising phase to gain more applicants.

The finance team was also able to process an estimated \$500,000 to be expended in August/September timeframe.Â¿

## Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown

9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EPSI-1-Richmond, Electrical Power Systems Improvements:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EPSI-2- Community Innovation, Electric Power Systems	\$0.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$0.00
EPSI-Admin, Electrical Power System Improvements	\$31,070.51	\$3,382,650.00	\$31,070.51
EPSI-Planning, Electrical Power System Improvements:	\$0.00	\$1,270,350.00	\$0.00

## Activities

Project # /	EPSI-Admin / Electrical Power System Improvements
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Grantee Activity Number: EPSI-Admin-VIHFA

Activity Title: EPSI-Admin

<b>Activity Type:</b>	<b>Activity Status:</b>
Administration	Under Way
<b>Project Number:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>
EPSI-Admin	Electrical Power System Improvements
<b>Projected Start Date:</b>	<b>Projected End Date:</b>
06/06/2023	06/06/2023
<b>Benefit Type:</b>	<b>Completed Activity Actual End Date:</b>
N/A	
<b>National Objective:</b>	<b>Responsible Organization:</b>
N/A	V.I. Housing Finance Authority (VIHFA)

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<b>Most Impacted and Distressed Expended</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Activity Description:**

Program administration entails activities related to the overall administration and execution of the Electrical Grid Grant. Eligible program administration costs include but are not limited to costs associated with staffing and general management oversight and coordination.

**Location Description:**

**Activity Progress Narrative:**

This quarter an Action plan was submitted and approved to update the Community Electrical Innovations Program to underway. With the action plan approved, the finance team identified \$500k in funds to be allocated to the CEIP activity for expenditure.

**Accomplishments Performance Measures**

**No Accomplishments Performance Measures**

**Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

**No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.**

**Activity Locations**

**No Activity Locations found.**

**Other Funding Sources**

No Other Funding Sources Found

**Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

**No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

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**Activity Supporting Documents:** None

