

# **CDBG-DR ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**St. Croix | Tuesday, February 17, 2026- VIHFA Lagoon Complex**

**St. Thomas/St. John | Thursday, February 19, 2026- VIPA Conference Room**

**Virtual | Tuesday, February 24, 2026- Zoom Meeting**

# WELCOME

VIHFA Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR” or “DR”) **Action Plan 7<sup>th</sup> Substantial Amendment** Public Hearing.

**Presenters:**

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**Jamillie Perez**, Director of Housing

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# 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 (7)*

## 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**

## “CURRENT” SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT REQUIRED...

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

The 7<sup>th</sup> Substantial Amendment highlights the following four (4) factors:

- Project removal/deletions, consolidation of and the reallocation of funding.
- Project reprogramming and reallocations.
- Changing the Substantial Amendment requirement triggers to allow greater flexibility in reprogramming funds to viable projects.
- Providing clarification and program design changes for greater project efficiency

# PROPOSED BUDGET



| Program   | Substantial Amendment #6 | Change In Allocation | Substantial Amendment #7 Revised Allocation | Percent of Total Allocation |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Housing   | \$527,507,659            | \$6,455,929          | \$539,431,048                               | 50%                         |
| Public Services & Special Needs Housing (Public Facilities) | \$21,011,619             | \$2,078,381          | \$23,090,000                                | 2%                          |
| Infrastructure  | \$423,812,962            | \$966,184            | \$424,779,146                               | 40%                         |
| Economic Revitalization                                     | \$31,383,150             | -\$9,500,494         | \$16,415,196                                | 2%                          |
| Subtotal  | \$1,003,715,390          | \$0                  | \$1,003,715,390                             | 94%                         |
| Planning  | \$18,000,000             | \$0                  | \$18,000,000                                | 1%                          |
| 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





## Project Changes

### **Turnkey Homes Funding**

\$61 million allocated to Turnkey Homes highlights its importance in housing development efforts.

Turnkey Homes project has been established as an independent initiative, underscoring its significant contribution to enhancing housing strategies. All Turnkey Homes programs have been integrated into a unified activity, thereby streamlining both management and reporting procedures.

### **Emergency Housing Development Renamed**

Emergency Housing Development & Rehabilitation has been renamed to Ross Taarnenberg and receives \$7.5 million to address urgent housing needs.

Single and Multifamily Development Reduced  
Single and Multifamily



## Project Changes

The allocation for housing programs has been increased by **\$6,455,929** in this amendment.

### **Project Removal**

Single and Multi-Family Development project removed due to lack of activities, reflecting strategic focus shift.

### **Project Removal and Consolidation**

Wild Pineapple, Estate Fortuna, and Mount Pleasant projects consolidated into Turnkey Homes initiative for streamlined efforts.



## Project Changes

### **Centralizing Development**

Substantial Amendment 7 provides clarification regarding the amendment to Substantial Amendment 5 by confirming that the Queen Louise Townhomes have been reassigned from the Single and Multi-Family Development Project to the Turnkey Homes Project. This adjustment optimizes the housing development portfolio and enables increased adaptability in project scaling in accordance with cost, feasibility, and scheduling considerations. Consequently, there are currently no projects within the Single and Multi-Family Development category.

### **Increased RRRP Cap**

The RRRP cap has been increased to \$400,000 for single-family rentals, boosting financial support for rental housing development.

### **Affordability Period Adjustment**

The affordability period for the single-family new construction housing projects is now 10 years, ensuring sustained benefits for residents.



## Reallocation of Funds

### **Turnkey Homes Funding**

The Turnkey Homes project receives \$61 million, highlighting its priority in the updated housing action plan.

### **Emergency Housing Investment**

Emergency Housing Development & Rehabilitation is allocated \$23 million to address urgent housing needs efficiently.

### **Reduced Own-A-Lot Funding**

Funding for the Own-A-Lot, Build-A-Home program has been reduced, by \$2,658,537 reflecting changes in priorities and resource allocation.

### **Strategic Fund Reallocation**

Funding reallocations are based on analysis of demand, cost, and feasibility to maximize housing impact.

### **Goal of Funding Prioritization**

Prioritizing key housing funds aims to accelerate recovery and provide lasting benefits to residents.



**PUBLIC SERVICES  
&  
SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING  
(PUBLIC FACILITIES)**



# Public Services

## **Need for Compliance and Documentation**

Rigorous documentation and compliance ensure only viable projects receive funding and support in public services.

## **Withdrawal Due to Documentation**

Project Promise was withdrawn because of missing national objective documentation, essential for compliance and funding.

## **Cancellation from Expired Agreement**

The 'Meeting the Needs of Our Community' project was cancelled due to an expired agreement, emphasizing active contract importance.

## **Reprogramming Funds**

Funds from Project Promise and Meeting the Needs of Our Community have been reallocated to Sister Emma Cottages.



# Public Facilities



## **Project Removal- Grant Transition**

Removal of specific shelters Catholic Charities- Bethlehem and Rita Schuster Shelters were relocated based on timelines needed for project completion and eligibility within the CDBG-MIT program.



## **Project Consolidation-Public Facilities Development**

Consolidating multiple projects within a comprehensive development initiative for public facilities streamlines administrative processes and optimizes resource allocation for robust infrastructure development. The Public Facilities Development and Rehabilitation Initiative encompass endeavors such as the St. Croix Foundation, Salvation Army Virgin Islands, and St. Croix Animal Welfare Shelter projects.



## **Project Removal**

Caribbean Centers for Boys & Girls Project removed due to duplication of benefit.



## **Public Facilities Development**

Public Facilities Development & Rehabilitation was allocated \$12.5 million to enhance vital infrastructure and public service delivery.

The Sister Emma Cottages project received \$9.5 million to support community recovery through improved housing facilities.

## **Public Services Reduction**

Public Services has been reduced by \$383,798.

## **Strategic Fund Reallocation**

Strategic reallocation maximizes resource impact, supporting long-term recovery and enhancing residents' quality of life.

# **Reallocation of Funds**

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# INFRASTRUCTURE





## Project Removals

### **Removal of Slope Stabilization**

Slope Stabilization was removed to avoid duplication with FEMA funding, promoting efficient use of federal resources.

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### **Slope Stabilization Removed Funding**

The Slope Stabilization project has been removed due to DOB. Funds taken from this project and reallocated is \$3,388,979.

### **Street Addressing Initiative**

The Street Addressing Initiative, advanced beyond planning, received \$6.59 million to improve urban navigation and services.

### **Strategic Fund Reallocation**

Strategic reallocation maximizes resource impact, supporting long-term recovery and enhancing residents' quality of life.

# ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION





# Project Changes

## **Alignment with National Objectives**

Projects have been updated to better reflect national priorities, improving support for vulnerable populations through targeted initiatives.

## **Neighborhood Revitalization with a Focus on LMC**

Neighborhood Revitalization efforts now include LMC objectives to ensure assistance for low-and moderate-income residents.

## **Project Discontinuation**

The Building Workforce Professional Development project was terminated due to concerns regarding timing, feasibility, and practicality.

## **Reduced Funding for Neighborhood Revitalization**

Funding for this activity was decreased based on current applicants and total project costs. The *Small Business and Entrepreneurship Grant and Technical Assistance Program* options were eliminated due to a lack of selections for this program.

## **Reallocation of Funding**

Neighborhood Revitalization program was reduced by \$4,996,694. Total allocation for this project is now \$8,967,460.

## PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

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- The Street Addressing Initiative was removed from planning and reprogrammed back to Other Planning.
- There was **no change** to the allocation for planning activities.
- Planning Activities** was retitled to Other Planning.
- The administrative allocation remains
- at the maximum 5% of the total grant.

## ADDITIONAL CHANGES

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- ❑ Extended Project Timeline
  - Project durations are extended through 2027 to allow more time for completion and impactful outcomes for projects needing the extended duration
- ❑ Substantial Amendment Changes
  - Substantial Amendments have been updated to increase the threshold for triggers are characterized by the following criteria:
    - A change in program benefit or eligibility criteria
    - The addition or deletion of an activity
    - **The allocation or reallocation of any change constituting more than 25% (\$268,872,471) of the overall CDBG-DR grant's budget.**

# ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

FEB | FRI  
**06**

Substantial Amendment Posted to  
USVI – CDBG-DR website

FEB | FRI  
**06**

Public Comment Period  
Open

FEB | TUES  
**17**

FEB | THURS  
**19**

FEB | TUE  
**24**

MAR | MON  
**09**

Public Comment Period  
Closed

MAR | FRI  
**13**

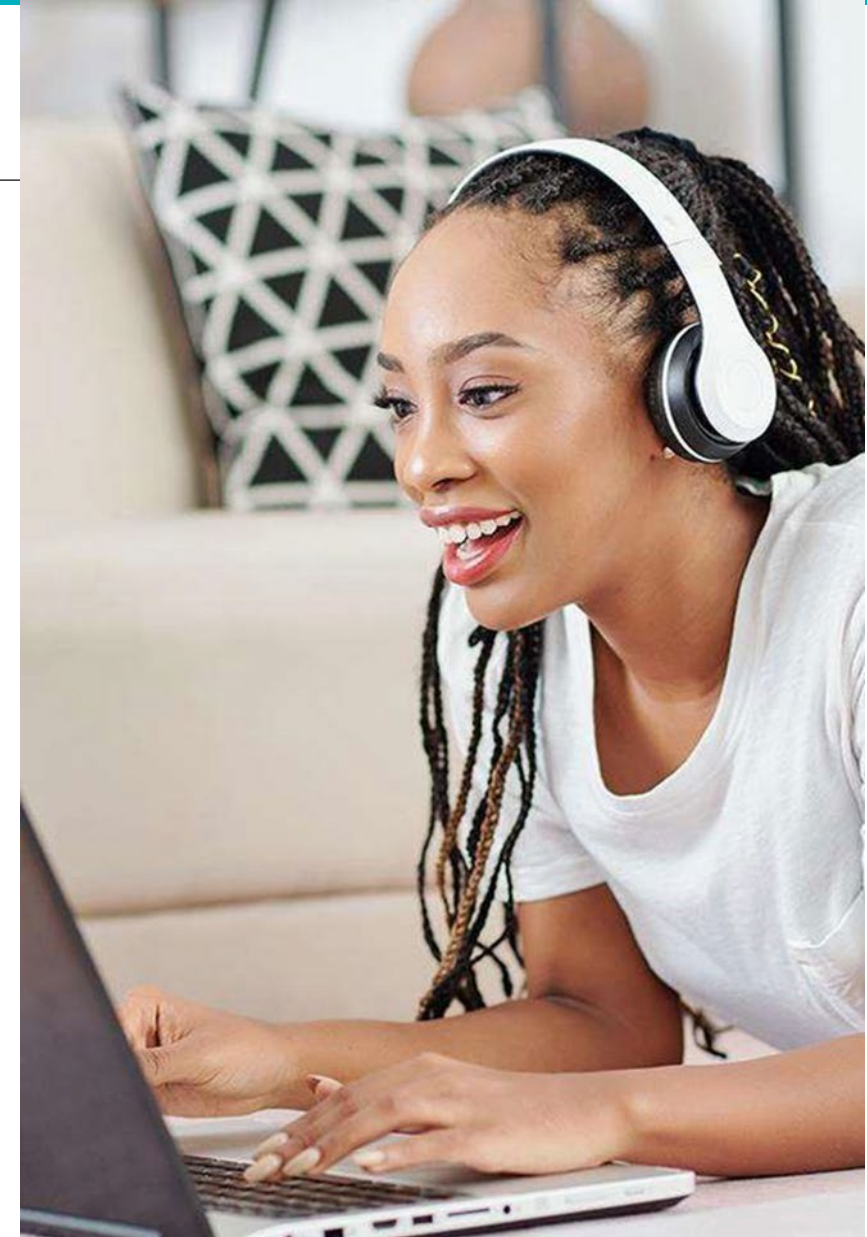
Substantial Amendment  
Submitted to HUD

## **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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# Thank You!



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