



## EGRID MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

**MARCH 2026**

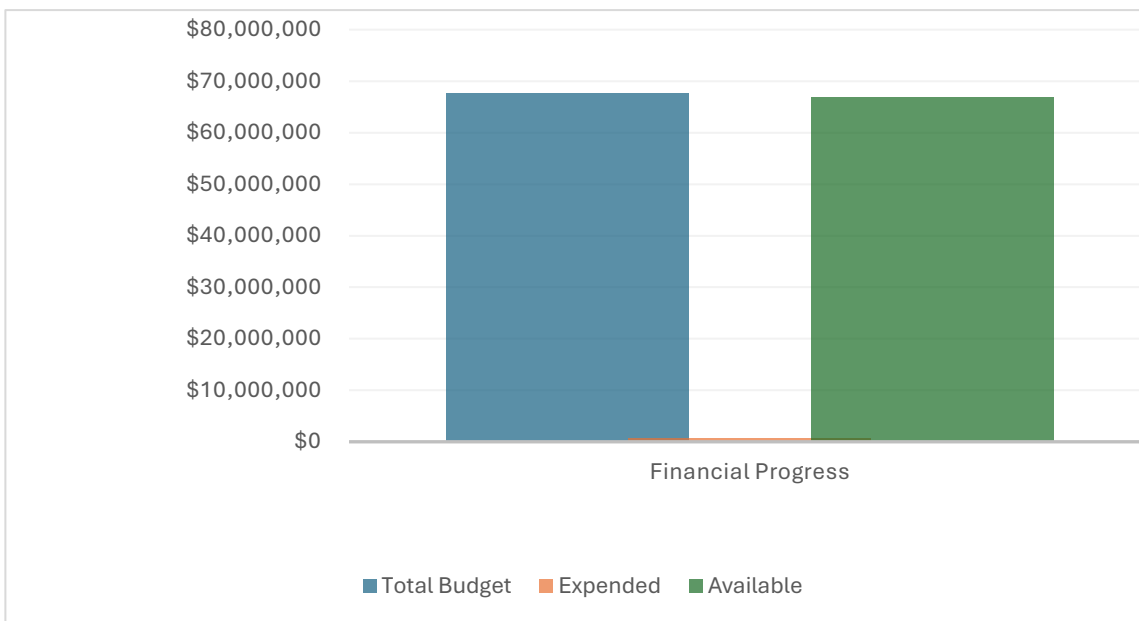
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RECOVERY & RESILIENCE DIVISION

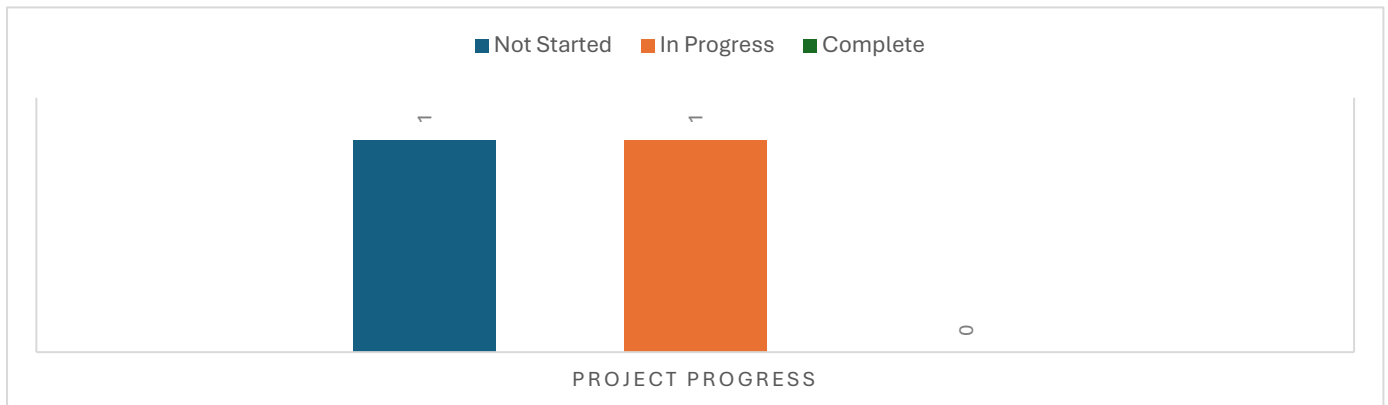
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# Electrical Grid Grant Expenditures Snapshot



Grant Fund Disbursement	Budget	Funds Expended	Budget Available	% Expended
<b>Administration</b>	\$ 3,382,650.00	\$ 671,583.02	\$ 2,711,066.98	0%
<b>PR1 Grid Resiliency</b>	\$ 35,788,437.00	\$0.00	\$35,788,437.00	0%
<b>PR 2 Community Innovative</b>	\$19,010,493.00	\$2,397.00	\$19,010,493.00	0%
<b>P2 Solarized Hubs</b>	\$2,706,120.00	\$0.00	\$2,706,120.00	0%
<b>Planning</b>	\$ 6,765,300.00	\$ 174,385.27	\$ 6,590,914.73	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 67,653,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 848,365.29</b>	<b>\$ 66,804,634.71</b>	<b>1%</b>

# Commercial Electrical Innovation Dashboard



## Project Progress Overview

Application Review	Environmental Review	Capacity Assessment	In Progress	Closeout	Completed
	4	0	1	0	0

## Project Status Overview

Project	Project Cost	Status
Community Electrical Innovation	\$ 10,000,000.00	In Progress
Grid Resiliency	\$ 35,788,437.00	4 applications are in environmental review

## Financial Overview

Project	Project Cost	Expended to Date
Community Electrical Innovation	\$10,000,000.00	\$2,379.00

## Projects Monthly Update:

### Community Electrical Innovation Program

Status: (in Progress, hold)

The project is in progress, with VIHFA's Environmental team completing the first Tier II review for the Happy Faces childcare site, initiating procurement with a contractor selected, and coordinating with VIEO as a memo is developed to clarify local renewable energy requirements. Site inspections across the childcare bundle are also progressing, though delays in receiving DPNR consultation letters continue to affect environmental review timelines, and VIHFA will maintain its established coordination process as installations and third party procurement move forward.

Project Description:

The Community Electrical Innovation Program was created to mitigate electric power supply interruptions to entities that assist vulnerable

	populations in low- and moderate-income areas. Specifically, this initiative targets entities that provide daycare services, afterschool programs, homeless shelters, and the elderly. Systems will consist of wiring and conduits from the electrical panel to the solar panels and the battery storage system. The battery storage systems will be fastened to interior or exterior walls (depending on the most cost effective option).
Expected Project Outcome(s):	Installation of 40+ consumer scale solar and battery installations
Period of Performance: (Start and End Date)	March 25, 2025-June 06, 2029
Grant Source: (DR, MIT, EGrid)	CDBG-EGrid
Total Project Cost: (all funding sources)	\$10,000,000.00
Grant Funded Project Cost: (include ADC)	\$19,010,493.00 per DRGR
Funds Expended This Month:	\$2,397.00 per EM Grants
Funds Expended to Date:	\$2,397.00 per EM Grants /27,383.48 is in queue for payment plus &97.838.33 in finance review
Progress: (%)	10% based on project milestones
Project Update:	<p><b>Project Update (Narrative):</b></p> <p>VIHFA’s Environmental team has completed the first Tier II review (Happy Faces) for the childcare bundle. A monitoring plan was developed because of the review, which identified the need to adhere to the Clean Air compliance factor during the construction phase. Within VIHFA, it is standard practice that when a project must comply with the Clean Air factor, an “Authority to Construct” and a “Permit to Operate” are required. These permits are typically associated with gas generators and may not be necessary according to DPNR. VIEO is preparing a memo to file that outlines the local requirements for renewable energy installations, which should clarify the path forward for the remainder of the program. Upon receiving the Tier II review, VIEO initiated procurement, and a contractor has been selected. Procurement details will be forwarded to VIHFA program staff for review.</p> <p>Program staff, along with the Environmental team, inspected five childcare bundle sites on St. Croix. This allowed site conditions to be clearly documented and will further inform the environmental review process. Six sites have now been inspected for the</p>

childcare bundle, with the remaining three scheduled for completion in the coming month. During this period, the first installation is expected to be completed, and procurement for third-party services will be initiated. The RFP for these services—essential for sizing the larger systems in the second bundle of project sites—has been reviewed and approved by VIHFA Procurement and is expected to be posted by DPP in April.

A notable delay for the Happy Faces installation resulted from difficulties obtaining the required consultation letters from DPNR. These consultations are required for each site and may affect installation and Tier II review timelines. Historically, VIHFA has submitted a consolidated list of sites to the relevant DPNR parties, detailing site information, and required consultations. VIHFA will continue using this approach unless instructed otherwise.

**Last Site Visit:** February 25, 2026

**Dependencies/Bottlenecks/Delays:** DPNR Consultations response time. Environmental Tier II review duration.

**Next Month’s Goals and Deliverables:** VIEO to publish the RFP/RFQ for third-party services and submit applications to VIHFA. VIHA will meet with DPNR to discuss program progress and address any pending consultation needs.

Current Month’s Highlights and Milestones Achieved:

VIHFA’s Environmental team has completed the initial Tier II review for the childcare bundle, beginning with the Happy Faces project. VIHFA program staff and the Environmental team completed inspections of five childcare sites on St. Croix, providing essential documentation to support the environmental review process.

Key Performance Indicators: (Based on SRA)  
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Performance Measure	KPI	Monthly Performance Value	
<i>Ex. Homes in Construction</i>			
Applications received	40	40	
Applications reviewed	40	40	
Applications approved			
Applications denied	11 (pre-appeals)	11	
Energy Cost Reduction	0	0	

	KW of generation installed	0	0	
	# of generation assets exporting to grid	0	0	
	KWh of Battery Installed	0	0	

## Solarized Hubs

Status: (in Progress, hold)	Forecasted
Project Description:	Expansion of the Community Innovation Program to capture and support large-scale installation of Battery Energy Storage System.
Expected Project Outcome(s):	To be determined
Period of Performance: (Start and End Date)	
Grant Source: (DR, MIT, EGrid)	EGRID
Total Project Cost: (all funding sources)	\$ 2,295,000 million estimated
Grant Funded Project Cost: (include ADC)	\$ 2.7 million estimated
Funds Expended This Month:	\$0
Funds Expended To Date:	\$0
Progress: (%)	To be determined
Project Update	<p><b>Project Update</b> (Narrative):  The Program submitted the revised policy incorporating the Solarize Hubs initiative to PMO for review and concurrence on March 02, 2026. Due to limited review capacity, the expected approval date has shifted from February to April 2026.</p> <p>The Program is also responding to CDRO regarding the required direct-selection memorandum and the letter of intent for collaboration with the Virgin Islands Energy Office (VIEO). Although VIEO's prior work positions it well for direct selection, the Program is awaiting additional expenditures before proceeding. As a result, the anticipated launch date has been adjusted from February to May 2026.</p> <p><b>Last Site Visit:</b> TBD – project remains in the initiation phase.</p> <p><b>Dependencies/ Bottlenecks/Delays:</b> The program launch is contingent upon timely approval</p>

	<p>of the revised policy and completion of the direct selection process for the designated subrecipient.</p> <p><b>Next Month’s Deliverables/Goals:</b> Secure formal approval of the revised policy incorporating the Solarize Hubs initiative. Refine the Solarized Hub program initiatives to be completed by the programmatic subrecipient.</p>									
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**GRID RESILIENCY**

<b>Feeders 11 &amp; 12 Rebuild</b>	
Status: (in Progress, hold)	The project is in progress and currently undergoing regulatory environmental review, with the expected consultation completion date shifting from March to April 2026 due to delayed responses from DPNR, though communication has begun to improve following discussions between HFA Leadership and the DPNR Commissioner, and the Program is also in progress drafting the Subrecipient Agreement while considering the applicant’s capacity and anticipated KPIs.
Project Description:	Replacement of the 113K linear feet of transmission lines between Randolph Harley Power Plant and Donald Francois Substation.
Expected Project Outcome(s):	Improved reliability and enhanced electrical service. Rebuild of two transmission cables for the main district feeders, restoring compliance with reliability standards and reducing risk of outages. It eliminates the current single-line vulnerability by providing redundancy, aligning with industry best practices and the grant’s objective to improve service reliability for ratepayers.
Period of Performance: (Start and End Date)	To be determined.
Grant Source: (DR, MIT, EGrid)	EGRID
Total Project Cost: (all funding sources)	\$13,341,175.00 (per application amounts)
Grant Funded Project Cost: (include ADC)	Pending Obligation
Funds Expended This Month:	\$0
Funds Expended To Date:	\$0
Progress: (%)	0% still in application phase
Project Update	<b>Project Update (Narrative):</b> The application is currently undergoing regulatory environmental review. The expected completion date for

environmental consultation has shifted from the end of March 2026 to the end of April 2026, primarily due to slow responses from DPNR. HFA Leadership has discussed these delays with the DPNR commissioner, which has led to some improvement in response times. HFA will continue to monitor deliverables closely. Additionally, the Program is in the process of drafting the Subrecipient Agreement, considering the applicant's capacity when addressing anticipated Key Performance Indicators.

**Last Site Visit:** TBD

**Dependencies/ Bottlenecks/Delays:** Application approval depends on the prompt completion of the environmental review; however, delays in receiving required consultation letters from DPNR are hindering environmental progress and may impact overall project timelines.

**Next Month's Deliverables/Goals:** Completion of a comprehensive draft of the subrecipient agreement, with the Program following up with the Environmental Team throughout the review process. VIHFA will meet with DPNR to review the progress of the required consultations.

Key Performance Indicators: (Based on SRA)

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Feeders 11 and 12 Rebuild:

Performance Measure	KPI	Monthly Performance Value
113K linear feet of improvement		
To be determined		

## Distribution Automation Devices Project

Status: (in Progress, hold)

The project is in progress and currently undergoing regulatory environmental review, with the expected consultation completion date shifting from March to April 2026 due to delayed responses from DPNR, though communication has begun to improve following discussions between HFA Leadership and the DPNR Commissioner, and the Program is also in progress drafting the Subrecipient Agreement while considering the applicant's capacity and anticipated KPIs.

Project Description:

Proposed project activities consist of sourcing, designing and installation of up to 30 units as distribution automated device -closer devices, on the existing infrastructure

Expected Project Outcome(s):

Implementation will detect and isolate faulted areas to allow quicker service restoration

	and optimize power flow. This results in shorter and fewer outages which increase reliability.									
Period of Performance: (Start and End Date)	To Be Determined									
Grant Source: (DR, MIT, EGrid)	EGRID									
Total Project Cost: (all funding sources)	\$ 1,500,000.00 estimated									
Grant Funded Project Cost: (include ADC)	Pending Obligation									
Funds Expended This Month:	\$0									
Funds Expended To Date:	\$0									
Progress: (%)	0% Still in application phase									
Project Update	<p><b>Project Update (Narrative):</b> The application is in regulatory environmental review stage. The anticipated completion of environmental consultation has been moved from the end of March 2026 to the end of April 2026. This delay is due to the slow responses from DPNR. HFA Leadership has engaged in conversations with DPNR commissioner. This has improved some responses. HFA will track the deliverables. The Program is drafting the Subrecipient Agreement to address the anticipated Key Performance Indicators with consideration of the applicant's capacity.</p> <p><b>Last Site Visit:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Dependencies/ Bottlenecks/Delays:</b> Application approval depends on the prompt completion of the environmental review; however, delays in receiving required consultation letters from DPNR are hindering environmental progress and may impact overall project timelines.</p> <p><b>Next Month's Deliverables/Goals:</b> Completion of a comprehensive draft of the subrecipient agreement, with the Program following up with the Environmental Team throughout the review process. VIHFA will meet with DPNR to review the progress of the required consultations.</p>									
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## Transformer Replacement Project

Status: (in Progress, hold)	The project is in progress and currently undergoing regulatory environmental review, with the expected consultation completion date shifting from March to April 2026 due to delayed responses from DPNR, though communication has begun to improve following discussions between HFA Leadership and the DPNR Commissioner, and the Program is also in progress drafting the Subrecipient Agreement while considering the applicant's capacity and anticipated KPIs.
Project Description:	Proposed project activities consist of replacement of up to 244 degraded units in residential facing rate payers. Replacing aged and damaged non-CSP transformers with a new stainless steel tanked CSP transformers.
Expected Project Outcome(s):	Targeted replacement of degraded and deteriorated transformers territory wide as integrated in the transmission and distribution system. Implementation will replace corroded, improperly sized transformers that have deteriorated with new Completely Self Protected (CSP) fitted with internal protection and lightning surge protection. This results in reliability and capacity-size transformers for residential rate payers. Improved reliability and enhanced electrical service.
Period of Performance: (Start and End Date)	To Be Determined
Grant Source: (DR, MIT, EGrid)	EGRID
Total Project Cost: (all funding sources)	\$ 3,000,000.00 estimated
Grant Funded Project Cost: (include ADC)	Pending Obligation
Funds Expended This Month:	\$0
Funds Expended To Date:	\$0
Progress: (%)	0% Still in application phase
Project Update	<b>Project Update (Narrative):</b> The application is currently in the regulatory environmental review stage. The anticipated completion of the environmental consultation has been moved from the end of March 2026 to the end of April 2026. This delay is due to slow response times from

	<p>DPNR. HFA leadership has engaged in discussions with the DPNR Commissioner, which has resulted in some improvement in responsiveness. HFA will continue to track the outstanding deliverables. The Program is drafting the Subrecipient Agreement to incorporate the anticipated Key Performance Indicators, taking into consideration the applicant's capacity.</p> <p><b>Last Site Visit:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Dependencies/ Bottlenecks/Delays:</b> Application approval depends on the prompt completion of the environmental review; however, delays in receiving required consultation letters from DPNR are hindering environmental progress and may impact overall project timelines.</p> <p><b>Next Month's Deliverables/Goals:</b> Completion of a comprehensive draft of the subrecipient agreement, with the Program following up with the Environmental Team throughout the review process. VIHFA will meet with DPNR to review the progress of the required consultations.</p>
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<p><b>St. Thomas East End Substation BESS Installation</b></p>	
<p>Status: (in Progress, hold)</p>	<p>The project is in progress and currently undergoing regulatory environmental review, with the expected consultation completion date shifting from March to April 2026 due to delayed responses from DPNR, though communication has begun to improve following discussions between HFA Leadership and the DPNR Commissioner, and the Program is also in progress drafting the Subrecipient Agreement while considering the applicant's capacity and anticipated KPIs.</p>
<p>Project Description:</p>	<p>Proposed project activities consist of purchase, installation, and commissioning a substation Battery Energy Storage System for 7C and 9C Feeders and design of the Infrastructure.</p>
<p>Expected Project Outcome(s):</p>	<p>Increase electrical service reliability for residential ratepayers with the install of a 15MW/30MWH</p>

	BESS serving feeders 9C and 7C to support full back up and ancillary services to a substantial portion of the points farthest from the Randolph Harley Generation plant.									
Period of Performance: (Start and End Date)	To Be Determined									
Grant Source: (DR, MIT, EGrid)	EGRID									
Total Project Cost: (all funding sources)	\$ 17,158,225.05 estimated									
Grant Funded Project Cost: (include ADC)	Pending Obligation									
Funds Expended This Month:	\$0									
Funds Expended To Date:	0									
Progress: (%)	0% Still in application phase									
Project Update	<p><b>Project Update (Narrative):</b> The application is still undergoing regulatory environmental review. Due to delays from DPNR, the expected completion date for environmental consultation has moved from June to the end of July 2026. HFA Leadership reached out to the DPNR commissioner, which has resulted in some progress. HFA will continue tracking deliverables. Meanwhile, the Program team is preparing the Subrecipient Agreement to outline the Key Performance Indicators, taking into account the applicant's capacity.</p> <p><b>Last Site Visit:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Dependencies/ Bottlenecks/Delays:</b> Application approval depends on the prompt completion of the environmental review; however, delays in receiving required consultation letters from DPNR are hindering environmental progress and may impact overall project timelines.</p> <p><b>Next Month's Deliverables/Goals:</b> Completion of a comprehensive draft of the subrecipient agreement, with the Program following up with the Environmental Team throughout the review process. VIHFA will meet with DPNR to review the progress of the required consultations.</p>									
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