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## USVI Receives \$2.06M in FY2025 CIP Funding, Targeting Restrooms, Oxygen System, Meals on Wheels, and More

The U.S. Department of the Interior has awarded \$2.06 million in CIP funding to the Virgin Islands for FY2025, supporting SRMC upgrades, restroom renovations on St. John, DHS mold remediation, Meals on Wheels vehicles, and senior facility repairs.

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The Stewart Lee Udall Building in Washington, D.C., headquarters of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which awarded over \$2 million to the USVI for public health and infrastructure projects. By. GETTY IMAGES

The Government of the Virgin Islands has secured \$2,063,666 in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for Fiscal Year 2025 from the U.S. Department of the Interior, a federal investment intended to strengthen public services and infrastructure across the territory.

The funding, administered through the Office of Insular Affairs, is directed toward projects that enhance public health, sanitation, senior care, and government service efficiency. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Angel Demapan outlined the specific allocations in a letter addressed to Governor Albert Bryan Jr.

Among the most notable disbursements is \$500,000 awarded to the Department of Public Works for the renovation of restroom facilities on St. John, a project expected to improve sanitation and public access on the island.

The Schneider Regional Medical Center (SRMC) will receive \$484,690 for its Oxygen Generator project, which aims to strengthen the hospital's capacity to provide lifesaving respiratory care. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is also set to benefit from several targeted investments.

DHS was awarded \$414,100 for mold remediation at the Knud Hansen Complex, a critical step in ensuring a safe and healthy environment for both staff and clients. Another \$350,000 has been allocated for the purchase of new Meals on Wheels vehicles, expanding outreach and support to the territory's vulnerable senior population.

Further DHS-directed funding includes \$184,876 to improve information technology infrastructure, a move that supports greater efficiency in delivering social services, and \$130,000 earmarked for critical repairs at the Queen Louise Home for the Aged, aimed at enhancing living conditions for elderly residents.

In addition to these new Fiscal Year 2025 allocations, the Department of the Interior approved the reprogramming of \$500,000 in prior-year funds to support the SRMC Interventional Cardiology Catheterization Suite project, a major initiative that will improve access to advanced cardiovascular care in the Virgin Islands.

Governor Bryan welcomed the announcement, calling it a pivotal investment in the territory's well-being. "This funding represents an important investment in the health, safety, and well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands," he said. "We thank the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Office of Insular Affairs for recognizing our infrastructure priorities and continuing to support our efforts to modernize facilities, improve public health, and serve our most vulnerable populations."

According to Government House, the awarded funds will be administered by the Office of Management and Budget in coordination with the respective government departments and agencies. The goal is to ensure the timely execution of each project in alignment with the territory's broader capital improvement agenda.