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## **Bryan Seeks \$200,000 From Legislature to Aid Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Following Hurricane Beryl**

**Lieutenant Governor Roach announces relief effort, emphasizing the urgent need for support and solidarity in the face of widespread destruction**

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**Hurricane Beryl walloped the island of Carriacou in Grenada.**

The Bryan-Roach administration made known on Tuesday that it has asked the V.I. Legislature for \$200,000 to support the recovery of Grenada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which were recently impacted by the passage of Hurricane Beryl.

Lieutenant Governor Tregenza Roach addressed the USVI community during a briefing from Government House on St. Croix, where he announced the relief effort being spearheaded by the Government of the Virgin Islands in cooperation with the Department of Tourism.

The Hurricane Beryl Relief Effort seeks to aid those most affected by the hurricane, which left a trail of destruction in Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and other island communities in the Eastern Caribbean.

“Today I stand before you with a profound sense of duty and compassion as we address the urgent needs of our Caribbean neighbors who have been gravely affected by Hurricane Beryl,” Mr. Roach said.

Hurricane Beryl has caused immense hardship for countless families, Mr. Roach further stated. “Homes have been destroyed, communities have been uprooted, and lives have been changed irrevocably,” he said.

Severe weather events are evidence of a pattern of unpredictable climate change, which brings elevated temperatures, increased rainfall, and more frequent and intense hurricanes. “In times like these, it is our moral obligation to extend a helping hand and to stand in solidarity with those in need,” Mr. Roach said. “Our strength lies in our unity and together we can weather any challenge.”

In addition to aid received from the 35th Legislature, the lieutenant governor mentioned that individuals can reach out to the Department of Tourism, where Deputy Commissioner Roseanne Farrington can be contacted to coordinate assistance with the relief effort. Ms. Farrington can be reached at 340-626-1237.

He urged the public to stay vigilant, stay alert, and to sign up for VITEMA Alerts.