

The Virgin Islands Consortium

WAPA Gets \$30 Million Grant From FEMA for Management Costs

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WAPA's power plant on St. Croix.p By. ERNICE GILBERT/VI CONSORTIUM

Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett has announced \$30 million in FEMA funding to assist the the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority with management costs.

"This grant will benefit the Virgin Islands tremendously with our ongoing rebuilding efforts and making the Virgin Islands whole again after experiencing two devastating hurricanes," Ms. Plaskett said in a prepared statement Tuesday.

The Federal Emergency management Agency grant helps cover WAPA's indirect costs and administrative expenses.

Eligible management cost activities may include:

- Solicitation, review, and processing of sub-applications and sub-grant awards.
- Sub-application development and technical assistance to sub-applicants regarding feasibility and effectiveness, BCA, and EHP documentation;
- Geocoding mitigation projects identified for further review by FEMA;
- Delivery of technical assistance (e.g., plan reviews, planning workshops, training) to support the implementation of mitigation activities;
- Managing grants (e.g., quarterly reporting, closeout);
- Technical monitoring (e.g., site visits, technical meetings):
- Purchase of equipment and professional development that is directly related to the implementation of HMA programs.

"The United States government and the international community has an obligation to work with the affected local governments to restore infrastructure, provide critical humanitarian assistance, and help rebuild our islands," the Congresswoman said.