

Bryan Joins Florida Tourism Events, Continues to Washington for IGIA Following \$1.1 Billion Savings

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. attended targeted tourism events in Florida before heading to Washington, D.C. for the IGIA 2025 Mid-Year Plenary, where he is pressing for federal support after securing \$1.1 billion in disaster recovery savings.

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Governor Albert Bryan Jr. By. GOV'T HOUSE.

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. is in the nation's capital this week to participate in the U.S. Department of the Interior's Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA) 2025 Mid-Year Senior Plenary Session, Government House made known Monday. According to the release, the gathering provides the Virgin Islands with a direct platform to secure tangible results from the federal

government.

“The IGIA is where we fight for results, not promises,” Governor Bryan said. “We have delivered before, and I intend to keep delivering for the people of the Virgin Islands.”

The governor also played a role in negotiating a reduction in the federal match requirement for disaster recovery projects, lowering the ratio from 90/10 to 95/5 and, for large-scale efforts, to 98/2. This adjustment has saved the Virgin Islands more than \$1.1 billion. Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett’s contributions were equally critical to securing these victories.

In addition to the IGIA session, the governor’s Washington schedule includes meetings with White House officials and members of Congress. His stated priorities are continued federal support for energy transformation, disaster recovery, and initiatives to grow the Virgin Islands’ economy.

Before traveling to Washington, Bryan stopped in Miami over the weekend for a series of targeted tourism events, the administration said. Those engagements promoted the Virgin Islands as both a premier travel destination and a strong option for investors.

During the governor’s absence, Lieutenant Governor Tregenza A. Roach, Esq. is serving as Acting Governor until Bryan returns to the territory.