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Public Finance Authority Approves Nearly $1 Million Allocation For Schneider Hospital

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ST. THOMAS -- The Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority has approved the allocation of $954,365.48 to finance the emergency infrastructure repairs and replacements required at the Schneider Regional Medical Center (S.R.M.C.)

The approval came on May 31, according to a release issued by the P.F.A. -- mere hours before the Virgin Islands Legislature approved $545,634.48 to fund repairs at the facility in the wee hours of Thursday morning, during a Senate session that began on Wednesday.

The combined funding brings the total dollars available to S.R.M.C. to $1.5 million, about half of the $3 million the Senate approved for sewage and drainage repairs at the Juan F. Luis Hospital (J.F.L.).

“I commend the Senators in the 32nd Legislature for joining us in providing much needed funding for repairs at the Roy Lester Schneider Regional Medical Center," Governor Kenneth Mapp said in the P.F.A. release.

The funds, according to hospital officials, are needed to conduct repairs on the facility's water heaters and piping, among other emergency work.

Funding from both the P.F.A. and Senate came from bond monies, with senators re-appropriating unused bond dollars from a variety of projects -- similar to what it did to secure the $3 million for J.F.L. -- to provide the $545,634.48.