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Disaster Recovery Center Opens In Frederiksted For Hurricane Survivors

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ST. CROIX -- A second Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) opened in St. Croix Friday to provide information and help for survivors of hurricanes Irma and Maria, FEMA has announced.

The new DRC is open in Frederiksted at the Rotary Club West, 40 KA-KD Estate LaGrange. Another DRC is at the Old Post Office Building at Church and Company streets in Christiansted. Operating hours for both DRCs are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until further notice.

Disaster Recovery Centers offer one-on-one support to homeowners, renters and small-business owners as a result of the major disaster declarations stemming from the hurricanes.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be available to provide information on the types of help available, assistance with filling out applications and answer questions.

“Hundreds of survivors have visited the recovery center in Christiansted to get help with registrations and learn about our assistance programs,” said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer William Vogel. “This new center provides an additional opportunity for survivors to sit down and talk with recovery specialists.”

FEMA will soon announce the opening of additional recovery centers in St. Thomas and St. John.

St. Croix was designated for Individual Assistance under the major disaster declaration for Hurricane Maria. However, survivors of Hurricane Irma may also get their questions answered at the St. Croix recovery centers.