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U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services Awards More Than \$1.2 Million In Disaster Recovery Grants To USVI Health Centers

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded grants totaling more than \$1.2 million to support the Frederiksted Health Care Center on St. Croix and the East End Medical Center on St. Thomas, Government House has announced.

The Frederiksted clinic will receive \$674,800 and East End has been awarded \$589,927, according to the release.

The Mapp administration has been working closely with the White House, federal officials and members of Congress over the past year in support of the territory's requests arising from the massive devastation caused by last year's storms.

The Capital Assistance for Hurricane Response and Recovery Efforts (CARE) grants will support alteration, renovation, and equipment costs to assist the health centers with their disaster response and recovery. The funding was made available in the disaster relief package in the Bipartisan Budget Act, which was signed into law in February, and is part of the \$8.5 billion in federal disaster funding allocated to the territory, according to the release.

Governor Kenneth Mapp thanked Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar, II, and Health Resources and Services Administration Administrator George Sigounas for the grants.

"These clinics perform important work and this funding is the latest in the Trump Administration's efforts to support the Virgin Islands and our citizens as we continue to recover from Hurricanes Irma and Maria," Mr. Mapp said.