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Organization Seeks to Help Women-Owned Businesses in USVI With Funding, Training

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SEAT Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (SEAT IEC), the nonprofit division of SEAT Caribbean, LLC, has announced the launch of the Three Queens Ventures Women's Business Accelerator Program, which is geared at supporting female entrepreneurs in the U. S. Virgin Islands who are interested in growing or expanding their current businesses. Three Queens Ventures was made possible, in part, through a grant furnished by the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, according to a release issued Saturday.

The initial focus of Three Queens Ventures will be on female makers, artists, craftspeople, designers, and small batch manufacturers who reside in the USVI and

whose products are made and manufactured in the territory, stated the release. Through an individualized business development program, each entrepreneur will enhance her skills, acquire new knowledge and training, learn best business practices, and receive mentorship and guidance from professionals within their industry.

Additionally, every participant will have an opportunity to access seed funding and potential market partnerships that are critical to her business, stated the release. Three Queens Ventures aims to build a collective comprised of a network of like-minded women whose primary objective is to scale their existing business for success, while providing employment opportunities and contributing to the economic development of the USVI.

“We look forward to providing a platform and an opportunity for creative women to build and enhance their brands - in a supportive and empowering environment,” said Beverly Goodwine, co-founder of SEAT Caribbean/SEAT IEC. Additionally, Sonja Sulcer, co-founder of SEAT Caribbean/SEAT IEC stated, “We are excited to launch the venture and look forward to helping the women maximize their potential.” For more info, go [here](#).