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Bryan Submits Legislation Seeking \$2.6 Million For Infrastructure Projects on St. Croix

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In what Governor Albert Bryan says will be the first of multiple infrastructure projects as part of his administration's effort to lead the territory's "resurgence," Mr. Bryan on Monday submitted legislation to the 34th Legislature seeking approval of \$2.6 million for projects on St. Croix.

"This is just the start of a series of infrastructure projects the Bryan-Roach Administration is undertaking this year as we continue the Territory's resurgence," said the governor. The legislation seeks an appropriation of \$2.6 million from the Communities Facilities Trust Account.

According to Government House, in the proposed measure, the governor earmarked the following projects to be funded:

- \$300,000 to the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority for a pier at the King's Alley Hotel on the Boardwalk in Christiansted.
- \$300,000 to the Virgin Islands Port Authority for the dock at the Gallows Bay Marine Facility in Christiansted.
- \$1 million to the V.I. Port Authority for a roll-on/roll-off ramp at the Gordon A. Finch Molasses Pier at Krause Lagoon.
- \$400,000 to the Board of Directors of the Virgin Islands Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation for the acquisition of Plot No. 7 in Estate Diamond Ruby for the reconstruction and expansion of Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center.
- \$675,000 to the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation for the implementation of a drag racing strip at Plot 12-A-A VICORP land.

The Communities Facilities Trust Account was established as part of the agreement between Diageo USVI and the Government of the Virgin Islands that was ratified by the 27th Legislature in 2008 and signed into law as Act 7012 by Governor John deJongh Jr., according to the administration.

The Communities Facilities Trust Account receives a portion of the rum cover-over revenues to provide a source of financing for the development, operations and maintenance of community or sports facilities or urban development projects.