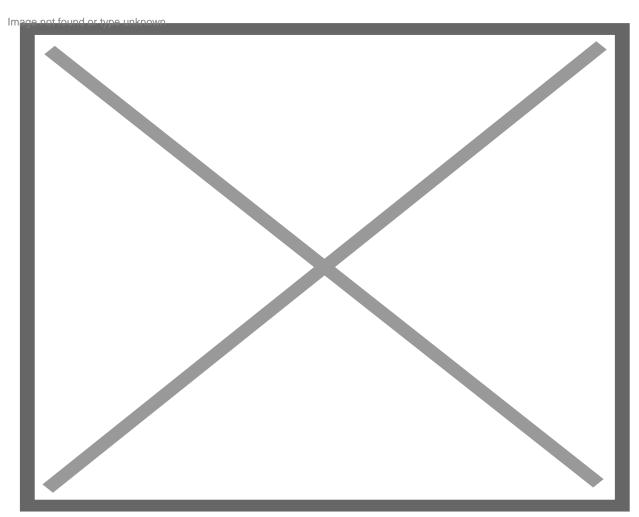
USVI Receives Funds for \$1,400 Stimulus Payments; Checks Could Start Going Out as Early as Next Week, Bryan Administration Says

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ST. THOMAS — The Virgin Islands has received funding for the \$1,400 stimulus payments through the Covid aid bill signed into law by President Joseph Biden. The funding is part of the president's American Recovery Plan, the Department of Finance and the Bureau of Internal Revenue confirmed this morning, according to Government House.

The Bryan administration's communications director, Richard Motta, made the announcement Monday during the Gov't House weekly Covid-19 response update. Mr. Motta said B.I.R. and D.O.F. "are in their final days of completing the \$600 CARES Act 2 payments," adding that the remaining payments should go out later this week.

Once those payments are sent out, distribution could start for the \$1,400 payments as early as next week, Mr. Motta said.

He reminded residents that they had to file their 2019 taxes to be eligible for both the CARES Act 2 and the American Recovery Plan payments.

Residents are urged to contact the B.I.R.'s hotline for stimulus and tax refund assistance at 340-714-9325.

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