

# The Virgin Islands Consortium

## St. Croix Foundation Announces Grants of Up to \$15,000 for 30-Member Coalition of Nonprofits

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ST. CROIX — The St. Croix Foundation for Community Development has announced the opening of an invitation-only grant cycle for St. Croix nonprofit organizations from August 30 to September 30, 2021.

Made possible through an award from GlobalGiving's Maria and Irma Relief Fund, SCF will award Sustaining Impact Grants of up to \$15,000 through its CARE Fund to members of the Nonprofit Consortium, a 30-member coalition of nonprofits on the frontlines serving low-income populations and groups disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic, SCF said.

Launched in the immediate aftermath of 2017 Category 5 Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the CARE Fund is designed to provide direct support to front-line relief efforts and holistic long-term recovery strategies. Since then, through CARE, SCF has raised and awarded over \$1.8 million to support strategic, high impact investments in the Virgin Islands for hurricane preparedness, resilience, and recovery – and now relief efforts in response to Covid-19, according to the release.

Through the CARE Fund, St. Croix Foundation said it will open an invitation-only grant cycle to award up to \$15,000 in capacity building and impact sustaining grants to local nonprofits serving populations who have been impacted by Covid-19.

Organizations eligible to apply include those active in the foundation's Nonprofit Consortium, which was established in 2016 as a collective of grassroots and 501(c)3 organizations serving the community in the areas of health care, youth and education, and environmental preservation, and arts and culture.

Through the NPC, deep impact is already being felt in systemically stressed sectors of civil society through the convening of nonprofit organizations to discuss sustainability, impact, and capacity building and is fostering meaningful support and compiling critical data respective to how to strengthen and sustain local civic organizations, said SCF. To sustain this work, NPC members will be invited to submit a proposal beginning August 30, 2021. Applications are due by September 30, 2021, and awards will be announced on October 15, 2021.

Due to the risks surrounding Covid-19 and the annual threat of hurricanes, in June of 2020 St. Croix Foundation relaunched its CARE Fund as a permanent fund to support immediate and long-term needs relating to (1) Operating Support for Essential Nonprofits, (2) Programmatic Support for Frontline Responders, (3) Data Collection for Strategic Recovery, and (4) Support for Community Resiliency and Systems Innovations. In this phase of grant-making, the foundation said it will be awarding grants to support priorities #1 and #2 to ensure local nonprofits remain operationally strong enough to deliver services to residents in need.

The foundation extended its deepest appreciation to partner and global funder, GlobalGiving, for its immediate and continued support throughout the process of recovery and resilience building; and to the cadre of local nonprofits who provide critical services to our community.

For more information on the CARE Fund's 2021 Sustaining Impact Grant, please contact [staff@stxfoundation.org/](mailto:staff@stxfoundation.org/)