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## U.S. Dept. of Justice Awards LEPC \$125,520 Grant to Fight Substance Abuse Among Prisoners

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U.S. Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced Friday that the U.S. Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission has received a \$125,520 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in support of residential substance abuse treatment for state/territorial prisoners.

The award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance supports the vital work of the U.S. Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission's efforts to increase services to state/territorial prisoners, according to the release.

"The Law Enforcement Planning Commission provides substance abuse offenders essential treatment programs during and after incarceration in the U.S. Virgin Islands," Shappert said. "These funds support direct services to assist offenders in their recovery from substance abuse."

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program assists states, territories, and local governments to develop and implement substance abuse treatment programs in state, territory, and local correctional and detention facilities and to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for offenders.

The goal of the RSAT Program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs. RSAT enhances the capability of states, territories, and units of local government to provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; prepares offenders for their reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assists offenders and their communities through the reentry process through the delivery of community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services. The grantee will use the RSAT funds to implement up to three types of programs: residential, jail-based, and aftercare.

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