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2020 Community Development Block Grant Application Available

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The Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority (VIHFA) announced today the availability of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2020 grant year application.

CDBG is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula-allocation grant, which focuses on the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Each funded project must meet at least one of the three national objectives: prevention of slums/blight; address an urgent need; or be a provision of employment or other benefits primarily to low/moderate income persons.

Eligible applicants include non-profit and faith-based organizations, government agencies, and for-profit entities (economic development activities only). CDBG is particularly interested in receiving proposals for programs providing mental health services, homeless services, before and after school care programs, and summer programs with an emphasis on academic enhancement for youth ages 4-16. Applicants may also submit proposals for projects/programs other than those listed above.

Applications are currently available at VIHFA offices located at 3202 Demarara Plaza, Suite 200, Frenchtown, St. Thomas, and 100 Lagoon Complex, Suite 4, Frederiksted, St. Croix.

The application deadline is Friday, February 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

A mandatory orientation session for applicants is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, in St. Croix and Thursday, January 30, in St. Thomas. Both sessions will be held in the VIHFA training rooms at 6:00 p.m.

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