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DHS Announces Crisis Intervention Fund Mini Grants of \$20,000 to Support Youth and Families

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The V.I. Dept. of Human Services has announced the fiscal year 2023 Crisis Intervention Fund grant opportunity for eligible nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations. The award period for the grant is from January 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023, and a total of five mini grants of \$20,000 each will be awarded.

DHS said grants provided through Crisis Intervention Fund are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing service provision to families and youth in the territory.

The fund was established by the V.I. Legislature on October 13, 1994, and signed into law as Act No. 7159, to help support families and youth experiencing crisis.

It supports local nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations that provide programs for family/ parenting education services, youth skill building and empowering services, prevention education, and related assistance to families and youth, DHS said.

The fund's purpose is to provide intervention, support services, and related assistance to Youth (17 years old and younger) and Family.

Services and related assistance may include:

1. Family Enhancement programs focusing from birth- 17 years old.
2. Parenting education.
3. Youth focused programs; life skill building, educational assistance; mentoring, prosocial development, job skills development
4. Youth focused substance use prevention, and youth focused violence prevention.
5. Services/ Programs for disabled youth or families with disabled youth.
6. Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist family or household members.

"These mini grants expand the reach of local innovative organizations that provide immediate, short-term help to individuals who experience an event that produces emotional, mental, physical, and behavioral distress or problems," said DHS Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez. "Every person in crisis, including their families, should receive a humane response that treats them with dignity and respect. We are encouraging anyone committed to advancing efforts to reimagine crisis response in our community to apply.

To obtain an application, email kendall.tutein@dhs.vi.gov with the subject titled: Request for FY2023 Crisis Intervention Application or visit the VIDHS office on St. Thomas at the Knud Hansen Complex at Hospital Ground or 3012 Golden Rock on St. Croix.

You may also call (340) 718-2980 (St. Croix) or (340)774-0930 (St. Thomas) for further information. Completed applications must be submitted electronically or dropped off by Monday, January 16, 2023. 5:00pm AST. Applications are available through December 30, 2022, 12:00 noon. Current FY2023 Crisis Intervention subgrantees not eligible to apply.