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## Plaskett Announces \$189 Million FEMA Funding for V.I. Water and Power Authority

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**Workers installing composite poles on the East End of St. Croix in July 2019 By. V.I. CONSORTIUM**

Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett has announced a substantial \$189 million in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority.

The funds aim to repair the damages caused by Hurricane Maria, which severely impacted the electrical distribution system throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands, including St. Croix, according to Ms. Plaskett.

She said the funding was authorized under Section 428 of the Robert T. Stafford Act, and Ms. Plaskett expressed her confidence that the financial support would significantly enhance the

resilience of the Virgin Islands' electrical distribution system.

The allocated funds are expected to not only strengthen the infrastructure but also increase the resiliency and independence of the energy grid. Ms. Plaskett also emphasized that this investment would contribute to the economic well-being and prosperity of all Virgin Islanders.

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