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VIDHS Opens Funding Applications for Family Violence Prevention and Support Programs

Grants Available to Support Domestic Violence Shelters, Sexual Assault Crisis Services, and Family Violence Prevention Initiatives

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services announces the availability of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Support Services as well as Family Violence Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Services Program funding for eligible non-profit and nongovernmental domestic violence and sexual assault service providers with the award periods ending September 30, 2025.

The purpose of the Family Violence Prevention Services funds is to help victims of domestic violence and their dependent children by providing shelter and related help, offering violence prevention programs, and improving how service agencies work together in communities.is

The purpose of the ARP Grants to Support Survivors of Sexual Assault is to assist with virtual/remote services for rape crisis centers, sexual assault programs and culturally specific programs that provide crisis services, support services, and assistance to survivors of sexual assault, and to support the increased emergency needs of sexual assault survivors.

To obtain an application, email carla.benjamin@dhs.vi.gov with the subject titled: **REQUEST FOR ARP DV FVPSA APPLICATION** or **REQUEST FOR ARP SA FVPSA 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 application must be submitted electronically or dropped off by February 28,2025.

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The Bryan-Roach Administration is investing in the Territory's people, infrastructure, and future through transparency, stabilizing the economy, restoring trust in the government, and ensuring that recovery projects are completed as quickly as possible. Visit transparency.vi.gov.

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