

**Press Contact:**  
Ryan Nugent  
Director of Communications  
Phone: (340) 725-4924  
ryan.nugent@dhs.vi.gov



*For Immediate Release: April 24, 2026*

## VIDHS ANNOUNCES OPEN APPLICATION PERIOD FOR CRISIS INTERVENTION FUND GRANTS TO SUPPORT YOUTH AND FAMILIES

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** - The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services announces the FY 2026 Crisis Intervention Grant opportunity application period for eligible non-profit and nongovernmental organizations. The DHS Crisis Intervention grant covers the Fiscal Year 2026 award period. Anticipated Number of Grant Awards: 10, Estimated Award amount per award: \$50,000

Funds provided through Crisis Intervention are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing service provision to families and youth in the territory. The United States Virgin Islands Department of Human Services Crisis Intervention Fund was established by the VI Legislature on October 13, 1994, and signed into law as **Act No. 7159**, to help support families and youth experiencing crisis.

The purpose of the Crisis Intervention grant 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/ family 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.

To obtain an application, email [lavern.marsh@dhs.vi.gov](mailto:lavern.marsh@dhs.vi.gov) with the subject titled: **REQUEST FOR FY2026 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) 725-3123 for further information. Completed applications must be submitted electronically or dropped off by **Friday, May 15, 2026, 5:00 pm AST**. Current FY2025 Crisis Intervention subgrantees must apply for FY2026 program funding.

For general information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, [www.dhs.gov.vi](http://www.dhs.gov.vi) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs>).

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](http://transparency.vi.gov).

#####

P  
R  
E  
S  
S  
  
R  
E  
L  
E  
A  
S  
E