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POST AUDIT DIVISION

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**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET HEARING**

CRUCIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ORGANIZATION, INC.

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The main purpose and objective of the Crucian Christmas Festival Organization (The Organization) is to plan, organize, implement, and promote the annual St. Croix Festival Celebration and its associated activities for the enjoyment of all Virgin Islanders and visitors. Some other purposes of the Organization are to:

- Preserve and perpetuate the culture, social and aesthetic value of the islands, and its entire people.
- Contribute to the promotion of tourism
- Foster and maintain a closer relationship with the people of the Virgin Islands and other Caribbean Islands through the annual Festival

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Charted below are the past board members for the Crucian Christmas Festival Organization. No new information was received by the Post Audit Division as of May 31, 2016.

MEMBERS	POSITIONS
Davidson Charlemagne	President
Antoinette Lenhardt	Vice President
Omar B.U. Henry	Treasurer
Denise Lewis	Correspondence Secretary
Prudence Tuitt	Recording Secretary
Warren Brooks	Assistant Treasurer

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Governor has not recommended a General Fund appropriation from the Miscellaneous Section of the budget for Fiscal Year 2017. **\$1,385,000** is being allocated from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund for Carnival's and Festivals activities throughout the territory. Per discussions with the Office of Management and Budget the allocated amount will be divided as follows:

- Crucian Christmas Festival Organization, Inc. - \$520,000
- VI Carnival - \$545,000
- St. John Festival and Cultural Organization - \$320,000

An overview of the Organization’s Financial Summary as recommended by the Governor has been listed in *Exhibit I*.

**Crucian Christmas Festival Organization
 Financial Summary – (Fiscal Year 2012 – Fiscal Year 2014)
 All Funds – By Activity Center**

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Appropriation	FY 2017 Recommendation
General Fund	\$245,000	\$245,000	\$0.00
Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$520,000
Total Appropriated Funds	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$520,000

Exhibit I

FISCAL YEAR 2016 EXPENDITURE

As of May 6, 2016, the Crucian Festival Committee submitted expenditures for calendar year 2015 – 2016 in the amount of **\$525,586.79**. This amount is **\$6,502.25** less than the 2014 – 2015 calendar in the amount of **\$532,089.04**.

CRUCIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ORGANIZATION, INC.

INCOME FROM SPONSORSHIPS 2015 - 2016

Government of the US Virgin Islands	11/9/2015	\$220,500.00
	11/12/2015	\$275,000.00
	2/29/2016	\$24,500.00

SUBTOTAL **\$520,000.00**

VI Lottery	12/31/2015	\$20,000.00
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SUBTOTAL **\$20,000.00**

TOTAL INCOME FROM SPONSORSHIPS **\$540,000.00**

TOTAL BOOTH/VENDORS **\$18,950.00**

INCOME FROM SHOWS

Prince and Princess Show

Bar	\$900.00
Booklet	\$100.00
Tickets/Gate	\$3,500.00

TOTAL **\$4,500.00**

Miss St. Croix Show	
Bar	\$948.95
Booklet	\$130.00
Tickets/Gate	\$9,721.05
TOTAL	\$10,800.00
Calypso Show	
Bar	\$2,500.00
Booklet	\$592.00
Tickets/Gate	\$5,370.50
TOTAL	\$8,462.50
Soca Party Monarch Show	FREE AT THE VILLAGE
J’ouvert Concession (Shut down due to community violence)	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$200.00
TOTAL INCOME FROM SHOWS & CONCESSION	\$23,962.50
GRAND TOTAL OF SPONSORSHIP AND SHOWS	\$582,912.50

The information charted above was submitted by the chairman of the Crucian Christmas Festival Organization, Inc. and should be queried. The Post Audit Division is unclear as to why there are no dollar amounts for the Soca Party Monarch Show in terms of a bar or booths and/or vendors. What was the amount charged for booklets and entrance fees for the Prince and Princess Show, the Miss St. Croix Show and the Calypso Shows? Therefore, resulting in an amount of **\$9,721.05** for Tickets/Gate for the Miss St. Croix Show and **\$5,370.50** for the Calypso Show.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET

The Post Audit Division has yet to receive a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017 from the Crucian Christmas Festival.

SUMMARY

The Governor has not recommended any General Funds from the Fiscal Year 2017 Executive Budget for the Organization. It is understood that Crucian Christmas Festival Organization operating budget will be appropriated from the Tourism Advertising

Honorable Clifford F. Graham

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Revolving Fund in the amount of **\$520,000**. The Organization has indicated an expended balance as of May 6, 2016 in the amount of **\$57,325.71**.

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Jose L. George
Post Auditor