



2026

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR BUDGET



**PRESENTER:
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COMMISSIONER NOMINEE

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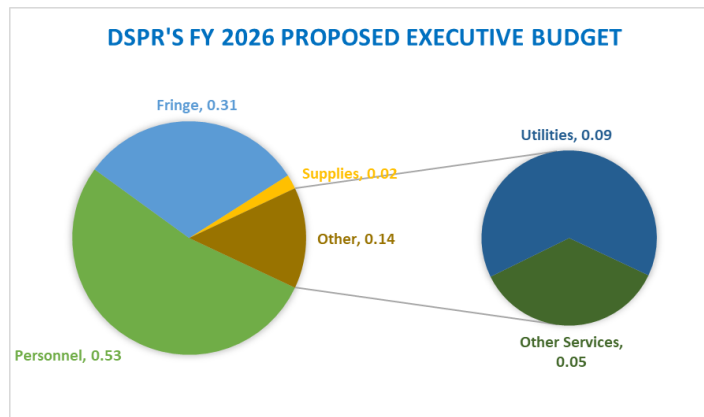
Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Budget, Appropriation, and Finance of the 36th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands, other committee members, non-committee members present, central staff, listening and viewing audience, good morning. I am Vincent Roberts, the Commissioner Nominee of the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation (DSPR), before you to provide testimony on the Department's Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget.

First, allow me to introduce my Leadership Team. Present is Ms. Carol Peters (Director of Business and Finance Management), Ms. Rellina Pelle (Territorial Human Resources Manager), Ms. Jamilah Henry (District Administrator Sports and Recreation, District of St. Croix), Mr. Richard Clendinen (Youth Community Coordinator, District of St. Thomas) joining via Teams are Ms. Renee Hansen (Assistant Commissioner, District of St. Croix), Mr. Elroy Hill (Deputy Director of St. John), Mr. Leon Martin (District Administrator Sports and Recreation, District of St. Thomas/St. John), Mr. Arol Abel (Territorial Disaster Recovery Specialist), and Mr. Roy Canton (Disaster Specialist, ODR/DSPR). At this time, I would like to thank our Budget Operations Analyst at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Ms. Deanna Jeffers, for her continued assistance.

Through the utilization of parks and facilities for local events, sports tourism, and other forms of recreation for locals and visitors, DSPR contributes to the economic growth and development of the Territory. To assist in accomplishing its mission, vision, and strategic goals, DSPR's proposed Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund Budget is **nine million two hundred seventy-two thousand forty dollars (\$9,272,040.00)**. This budget consists of four million nine hundred sixteen thousand nine hundred eighty-one dollars (\$4,916,981.00) or 53% for personnel services, two million nine hundred forty-three thousand six hundred eighty-four dollars and fifty one cents (\$2,943,684.00) or 31% for fringe benefits, one hundred sixty-one thousand twenty four dollars and forty-nine cents (\$161,024.49) or 2% for supplies, four hundred forty-five thousand three hundred fifty-four



dollars (\$445,354.00) or 5% for other services and charges, and eight hundred five thousand dollars (\$805,000.00) or 9% for utility services.



DSPR's proposed FY 2026 budget consists of the following: Personnel Service is \$4,916,980.00, broken down into classified positions at \$3,858,651.00, unclassified positions at \$973,990.00, overtime at \$58,000.00, night differential compensation at \$16,340.00, and other differentials at \$10,000.00. Fringe Benefits are \$2,943,684.00 and broken down by employer contribution retirement at \$1,066,597.00, FICA at \$304,853.00, Medicare at \$71,297.00, Health Insurance Premium at \$1,445,559.00, and workers' compensation premiums at \$55,378.00. The supplies budget includes operating supplies at \$30,889.00; vehicle supplies at \$45,500.00, repair and maintenance supplies at \$59,116.00, data processing software at \$8,200.00, clothing & cloth material at \$2,150.00, small tools and minor equipment supplies at \$15,166.00 for a total supplies budget of 161,021.00. The other services budget is comprised of professional services of \$52,926.00, communication of \$86,172.00, travel of \$8,000.00, transportation, not travel of \$6,500.00, advertising and promotion of \$22,481.00, repairs and maintenance of \$72,412.00, rental, land/building of \$30,850.00, debris removal of \$7,490.00, automotive repair and maintenance of \$34,023, bulk tickets of \$2,500.00, training of \$12,000.00, and the non-operational miscellaneous grants of \$110,000.00 leading to a proposed budget for other services



at a total of \$445,354.00. In addition to personnel services, fringe benefits, supplies, and other services, DSPR's proposed FY 2026 Executive Budget includes a utilities budget of \$805,000.00.

PERSONNEL AND FRINGE BREAKDOWN

PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$4,916,981.00	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$2,943,684.00
CLASSIFIED	\$3,858,651.00	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	\$1,066,597.00
UNCLASSIFIED	\$973,990.00	F.I.C.A.	\$304,853.00
OVERTIME SALARIES	\$58,000.00	MEDICARE	\$71,297.00
NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL COMP	\$16,340.00	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM	\$1,445,559.00
OTHER DIFFERENTIAL COMP	\$10,000.00	WORKERS COMP PREMIUMS	\$55,378.00

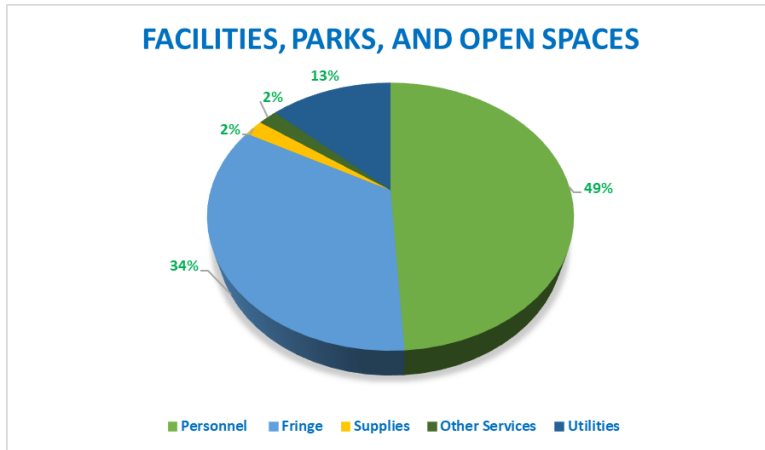
SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES, UTILITIES, and CAPITAL OUTLAY BREAKDOWN

SUPPLIES	\$161,021.00	OTHER SERVICES	\$445,354.00
OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$30,889.00	DEBRIS REMOVAL	\$7,490.00
VEHICLE SUPPLIES	\$45,500.00	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$72,412.00
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$59,116.00	AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$34,023.00
SMALL TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$15,166.00	RENTAL OF LAND/BUILDING	\$30,850.00
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM	\$8,200.00	COMMUNICATION	\$86,172.00
CLOTHING & CLOTH MATERIAL	\$2,150.00	ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	\$22,481.00
		TRANSPORTATION, NOT TRAVEL	\$6,500.00
UTILITIES	\$805,000.00	TRAVEL	\$8,000.00
WATER	\$370,680.00	BULK AIRLINE TICKET	\$2,500.00
ELECTRICITY	\$434,680.00	TRAINING	\$12,000.00
		PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$52,926.00
		GRANTS	\$110,000.00

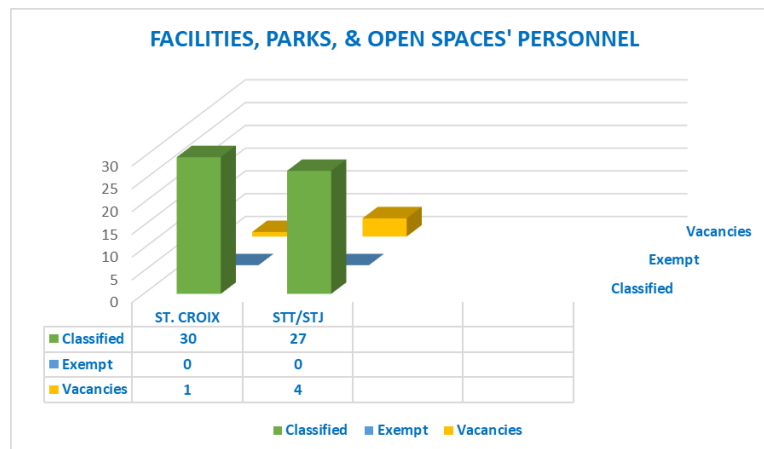
DSPR's total proposed fiscal year budget is divided into three divisions: The Division of Facilities, Parks, and Open Spaces (DFPOS), the Division of Sports and Recreation, and the Office of the Commissioner/Business Office.



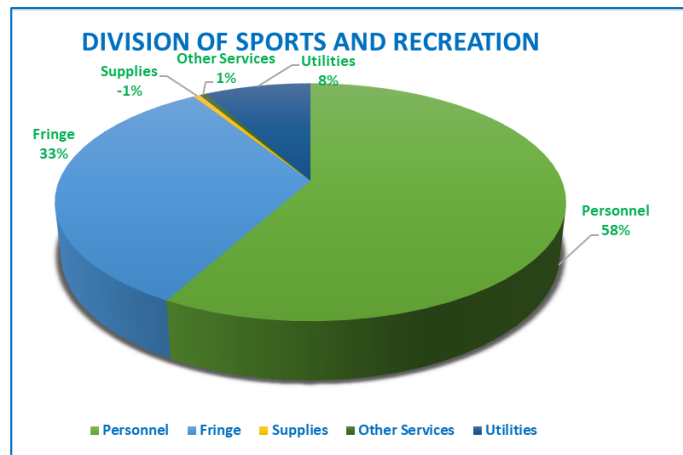
The Division of Facilities, Parks, and Open Spaces (DFPOS) – Oversees the maintenance of facilities, public parks, beaches, open spaces, and recreational areas under the Department’s authority. The proposed operating budget for this division is \$4,034,013.00, which represents 44%. It consists of \$1,971,845.00, or 49% for personnel services, \$1,367,158.00, or 34% for fringe benefits, \$89,495.00, or 2% for supplies, \$64,835.00, or 2% for other services, and \$540,680.00, or 13% for utilities.



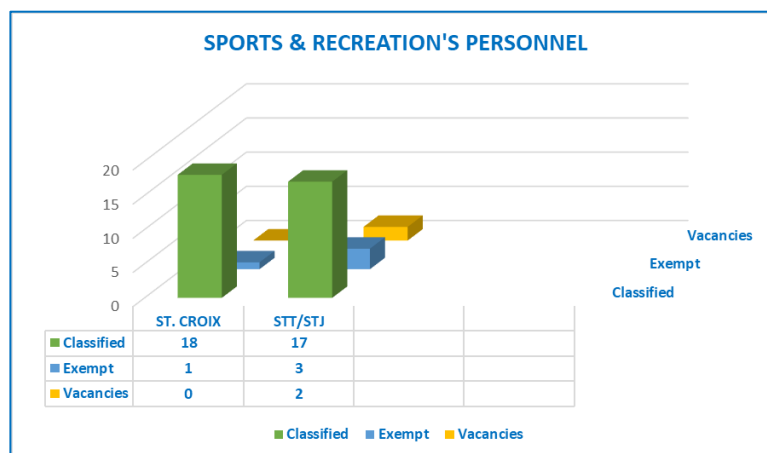
The Division of Facilities, Parks, and Open Spaces personnel list has sixty-two (62) positions. The STT/STJ district has twenty-seven (27) active employees, and the STX district has thirty (30) active employees. There are five (5) vacant positions (3) Groundskeeper, (1) Maintenance Field Supervisor, (1) Heavy Equipment Operator.



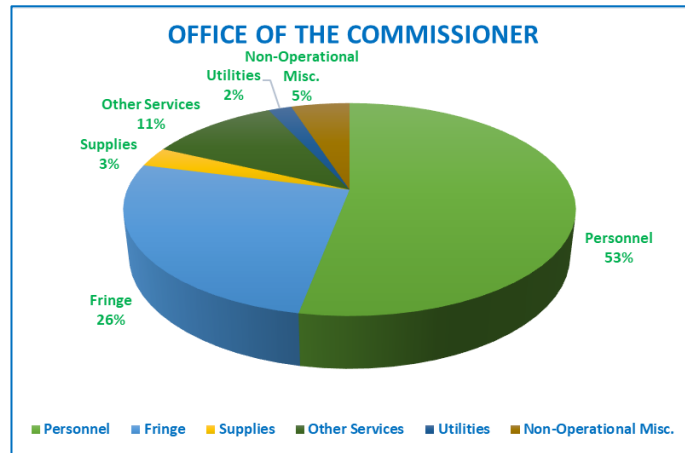
The Division of Sports and Recreation – Organizes, promotes, coordinates, conducts, and develops diverse sports and recreational programs to enhance children’s lives and the general community. The department continues to offer diverse, unique, and fun programs to the community of all ages. The proposed operating budget for this division is \$3,010,445.00, which represents 32%. It consists of \$1,756,161.00, or 58% for personnel services, \$990,559.00, or 33% for fringe benefits, \$5,000.00, or .5% for supplies, \$26,725.00, or .5% for other services, and \$232,000.00, or 8% for utilities.



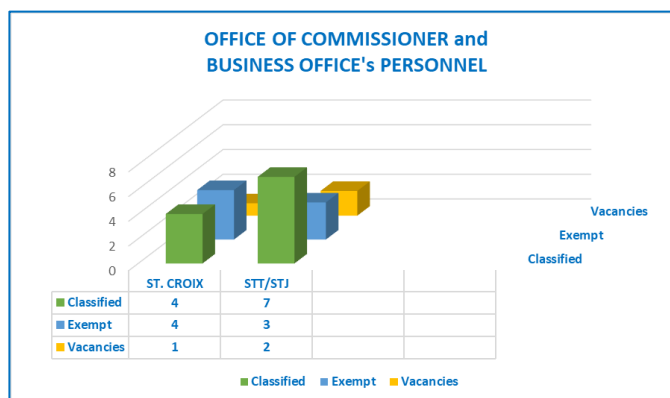
The Division of Sports and Recreation’s personnel list has forty-one (41) employees. There are two (2) vacant positions (Lifeguard/Instructor). The STT/STJ district has 20 active employees and the STX district has 19 active employees.



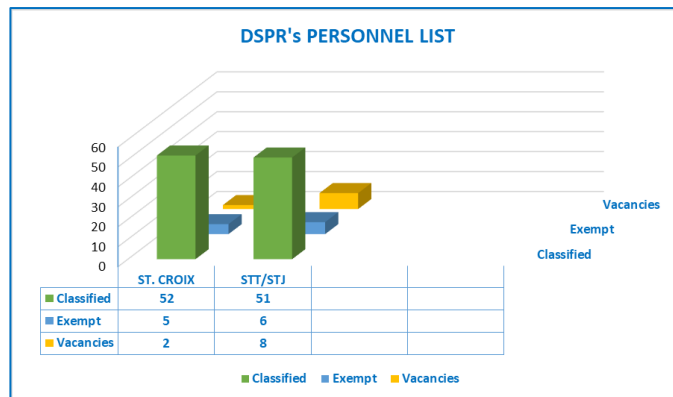
The Office of the Commissioner – Coordinates and compiles monthly reports, manages human resources and payroll, and plans and develops capital projects. DSPR non-operational misc. provides financial assistance to conduct and promote Youth Programs, Amateur Boxing Programs, and La Leche Programs throughout the territory. The Office of Business and Finance oversees the department’s business and financial operations and provides support services to all activity centers. The proposed operating budget for this division is \$2,227,582.00, which represents 24% of the total budget. It consists of \$1,188,974.00, or 53% for personnel services, \$585,964.00, or 26% for fringe benefits, \$66,530.00 or 3% for supplies, \$243,794.00, or 11% for other services, \$32,320.00, or 2% for utilities, and \$110,000.00, or 5% for Non-operational Misc.



The Office of the Commissioner's personnel list has twenty (21) positions. Eleven (11) classifieds, seven (7) exempt. There are two (2) vacancies (Director of Sports, and Public Information Officer) in the STT/STJ District and one (1) vacant position in the STX district (Administrative Officer III).



In summary, DSPR has a total of One twenty-four (124) positions, comprised of eleven (11) exempt, one hundred-three (103) classified, and ten (10) vacant positions. In the District of St. Thomas/St. John, DSPR has sixty-five (65) positions, fifty-one (51) classified, six (6) exempt, and eight (8) vacancies. St. Croix has fifty-nine (59) positions, fifty-two (52) classified, five (5) exempt, and two (2) vacancies. The Department's ten (10) vacancies consist of the following: (3) Groundskeepers, Administrative Officer III, Director of Sports, Public Information Officer, Maintenance Field Supervisor, Heavy Equipment Operator and (2) Lifeguard Instructor.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

The Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation (DSPR) is committed to improving quality services to the people of the Territory and providing the necessary tools (equipment/knowledge) to the employees to enhance their performance and skills. As such, we have performance goals that are linked to the key performance indicators (KPIs), which allow the department to achieve its commitment.

Performance Goals:

To provide activities/programs that encourage community engagement. (*Bureau of Sports and Recreation*)

- a. Number of recreation programs (non-sports & non-competition) annually - 3
- b. Number of adult recreation programs (sporting) annually - 5
- c. Number of sporting and recreational programs offered for ages 3-17 *annually* -5.
- d. Number of trainings/ clinics/professional development held per quarter -2.



Means of Measurement: Number of programs/activities offered per quarter or annually.

2. To ensure that all facilities are clean and safe to use. (*Parks, Open Spaces & Beautification*)

- a. Percent of unmanned facilities that are inspected and documented monthly – 25%.
- b. Percent of manned facilities that are inspected and maintained monthly – 50%.
- c. The number of days upkeep equipment is offline – 30 days.

Means of Measurement: Number of work orders (facilities and equipment) and number of facilities rented per month.

3. To ensure that the public is informed about DSPR programs and events (*Administration*)

- a. Number of community engagement and outreach events held quarterly – 4.
- b. *Number of departmental and non-departmental programs promoted/marketed monthly – 5.*

Means of Measurement: Advertisements



Accountability Score Breakdown

 Engagement

Impact



The limited funds have impacted the department’s ability to perform at optimal levels, as DSPR’s impact score is 51%, down from 89% last fiscal year.

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS (APPENDIX B)

In addition to the Department’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, the Department manages the miscellaneous grant appropriations of \$2,006,750.00 per Act No. 8916, Bill No. 35-0376. The appropriations offer financial assistance to fifty (50) nonprofit organizations. The allotment to date amount is \$345,000.00 for six (6) nonprofits, and nineteen (19) nonprofit applications totaling \$424,250.00 are in process by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) or at the



Department of Finance (DOF) for further processing, and twenty-six (26) nonprofits have not submitted a request to date for a total of \$1,087,500.00.

NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS

The Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation also manages the following non-appropriated funds:

- **Casino Revenue Fund:** In FY 2025, DSPR received one hundred fifty-one thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars and sixty-three cents (\$151,752.63), and three hundred seventy-eight thousand three hundred eighteen dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$378,318.59) in FY 2024.
- **Territorial Parks Fund:** This fund is derived through the collection of park fees, rentals, and charges for use of facilities, concessions, open spaces, and recreational facilities, which are under DSPR authority. DSPR has one hundred and one (101) vendor spaces territory-wide, of which fifty-five (55) are in the district of St. Thomas/St. John, and forty-six (46) in the district of St. Croix. DSPR also has sixty-four (64) recreational facilities rental spaces territory-wide, thirty-four (34) in the STT/STJ district, and thirty (30) in the STX district. In FY 2024, the Department collected three hundred seven thousand two hundred seven dollars (\$307,207.00) territory-wide; To date, DSPR has collected two hundred four thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars (\$204,575.00); and projects to collect an additional \$65,044.00 by the end of FY 2025. The department utilizes this fund for its FEMA projects' change orders, ineligible scope, local matches, and gas coupons. DSPR also intends to utilize these funds to reactivate the Emile Griffith Park parking lot as a paid parking facility.
- **Athletics Fund:** This fund is derived from the collection of registration fees for sports and recreation programs. In FY 2024, the Department collected one hundred twenty-nine thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$129,495.00), and to date, one hundred four thousand nine hundred forty dollars (\$104,940.00) for FY 2025.
- **Tourism Revolving Fund:** DSPR received the release of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for FY 2025 and projects to receive another million dollars in FY 2026. The Tourism Revolving Fund Fiscal Year 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2025 expenditures, and encumbrances as of June 15, 2025, are as follows:

TOURISM REVOLVING FUND FY 24 EXPENDITURES AS OF JUNE 15, 2025



SUPPLIES	ACTUALS (FY 2024)	FY 2025	ENCUMBRANCES (2025)
Operating Supplies	\$6,005.51	\$17,735.07	\$
Vehicle Supplies	\$47,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$590.00	\$0	\$
Small Tools & Equip.	\$	\$1,465.58	\$
Clothing	\$12,563.90	\$2,515.40	\$
TOTAL SUPPLIES	\$66,159.41	\$46,716.05	\$10,000.00
OTHER SERVICES	ACTUALS	FY 2025	ENCUMBRANCES
Repair & Maintenance	\$5,425.00	\$6,800.00	\$0
Professional Services	\$216,091.75	\$0	\$244,485.00
Training	\$	\$0	\$
Transportation/Not Travel	\$1,141.10	\$519.97	\$
Food & Catering	\$	\$552.35	\$
Travel	\$18,979.67	\$25,743.49	\$
Travel/Cash Advance	\$13,047.50	\$0	\$0
Bulk Ticket	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0
Insurance	\$	\$20,480.00	\$0
Other Services	\$16,825.00	\$32,470.00	\$210.00
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	\$281,510.02	\$96,565.81	\$244,695.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	ACTUALS	FY 2025	ENCUMBRANCES
Buildings & Improvements	\$0	\$162,903.18	\$145,587.50
Machine Equip & Misc	\$0	\$14,348.12	\$13,500.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0	\$177,251.30	\$159,087.50
GRAND TOTAL FY 24	\$347,669.43	\$320,533.16	\$413,782.50

FEDERAL GRANTS (SEE APPENDIX D)

ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (SLFRF)



The department currently has two (2) ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grants:

- The Sol Green Solar Charging Workstations (\$1,115,400.00)
- The Health & Wellness Program (\$279,242.78)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) GRANT AWARDS

The department was issued three sub-awards (EDA Award Number 01-79-15177) totaling \$3,140,083.00 for the following projects:

- Oppenheimer Beach Facility Revitalization & Coast Protection St. John Project - \$1,000,000.00
- Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation, Coral Bay Recreational Facility, St. John Project \$500,000.00
- Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation Revitalize/Retrofit Ten Playgrounds Territory-wide Project - \$1,640,083.00
- The ARPA State Planning Grant (\$300,000.00)

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS, OIA

The department currently has a Capital Improvement Project grant of \$738,00.00.

PROGRAMS (SEE APPENDIX A)

The Department continues to implement a wide range of sporting events and wellness programs that serve our entire community. Despite limited resources, our dedicated staff at the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation (DSPR) remain committed to delivering impactful services that improve the quality of life for our residents. Through strategic partnerships with fellow government agencies, non-profit organizations, and local sports federations, we have strengthened our capacity to meet our mandate and expand community access to recreational opportunities. Flagship programs such as the Battle of the Agencies (Territorial), St. Ursula's Senior Fit and Feisty Circle (St. John), the Afterschool Salvation Army Program (St. Thomas), and our Co-ed Government and Industrial Programs reflect our focus on inclusivity and lifelong wellness—from youth development to senior engagement.



As we look to the future, our goal is to continue introducing innovative programs, while retaining and enhancing those that the community values most. We are actively listening to our community and using their feedback to shape a holistic approach to wellness.

Operational Needs & Strategic Reforms

At the heart of our work is the belief that access to safe, well-maintained recreational spaces and engaging sports programs is vital to building stronger, healthier, and safer communities.

As part of our continual improvement process, we recently conducted a comprehensive SWOT analysis. This helped us identify strengths to build upon, weaknesses to address, opportunities to pursue, and threats to mitigate. This internal reflection has guided us in identifying strategic priorities, operational reforms, and cost-saving measures that will enhance our services and allow us to operate more efficiently and effectively. I will share several key priorities, operational strategies, and capital needs that define our vision for the future of DSPR.

Establishment of a Law Enforcement Division

One of our most pressing needs is the creation of a dedicated enforcement division within the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation. As we revitalize more parks and public spaces, we are increasingly challenged by unauthorized vending, vagrancy, and crowd control issues.

This division will work in partnership with the Virgin Islands Police Department and focus on recreation-based enforcement. The goal is to:

- Enforce Park rules and permit requirements
- Regulate vendors and improve revenue capture
- Reduce theft and vandalism

This initiative is essential to maintaining family-friendly, secure public spaces and protecting the Territory's investments.

Internal Efficiency & Cost-Saving Measures



In response to rising operating costs, DSPR is initiating several internal reforms to increase efficiency.

Facility-Based Staffing Model

To reduce high fuel usage and vehicle maintenance costs, we are considering assigning grounds and maintenance staff directly to key facilities, rather than dispatching daily from a central location. This model:

- Improves accountability
- Builds stronger community ties
- Increases operational efficiency

Standardization of equipment

The department is working to standardize equipment across the Territory. This will allow for a more efficient procurement process, easier maintenance, improved supply chain efficiency, and cost savings through bulk purchases.

Data-Driven Management

By closely analyzing expense reports, facility usage, and program performance, we are:

- Identifying underused or underperforming programs
- Identifying areas of waste
- Reallocating resources to programs and facilities that provide the greatest value to our community.

This commitment to transparency and data-based decision-making reflects our focus on fiscal responsibility.

Energy Efficiency & Facilities Modernization Plan

DSPR is committed to modernizing infrastructure while reducing our environmental footprint. Our primary goals include:

- Lowering utility and maintenance costs
- Updating aging facilities
- Enhancing user experience for residents and visitors

Planned Actions Include:

- Retrofitting buildings with energy-efficient lighting, solar solutions, and motion sensors
- Upgrading plumbing, electrical panels, and restrooms.
- Replacing play equipment with greener, safer alternatives



- Introducing safeguards to prevent water and power theft, which is a growing concern as more facilities come online.
- Seeking grants and incentives through the Energy Office to support green building initiatives.

These improvements support the Virgin Islands' sustainability goals and will be paired with staffing realignment to reflect modern operational needs and reduce long-term operating costs.

Marketing, Outreach & Community Engagement

Community engagement remains at the core of our efforts. We recognize that an informed and engaged public is key to our department's success. To that end, our plan is to invest in a more robust communications strategy that includes:

- A redesigned, user-friendly website with real-time updates on facility availability, programs, and permit access
- A greater social media presence
- A quarterly newsletter featuring project updates, staff highlights, and community stories
- Town hall meetings to gather feedback, share progress, and shape our priorities

A major goal for DSPR is to develop a Territory-wide sports calendar in partnership with government agencies, schools, leagues, and other organizations. This initiative will improve the efficiency of planning and enable more effective cross-promotion.

Capital Improvement & Facility Enhancement Plan

Following a detailed assessment of all major and minor facilities, DSPR is implementing a capital improvement strategy, focused on safety, accessibility, usability, and sustainability.

Key Priorities Include:

- Building or identifying secure storage areas at key facilities for equipment storage
- Renovating courts for multi-use purpose
- Renovating fields
- Installing shade structures and inclusive playgrounds
- Installing ADA-compliant infrastructure and permanent vendor zones
- Beautification and signage upgrades

These investments aim to improve the quality and functionality of our public spaces, while supporting tourism and economic growth.

Workforce Development & Training



Of course, none of this can happen without a skilled and motivated workforce. That's why hiring additional staff and providing fair compensation for our employees remains a priority. The Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation will continue to provide the necessary resources to ensure an effective and efficient workforce. DSPR will continue investing in its staff by providing the necessary training to develop and succeed in their jobs.

Key Priorities Include:

- Increasing wages to attract and retain qualified employees
- Mental Health Training - With the assistance of the Department of Health's MCH division, the department held mental health training in May for both districts. The focus was on training our employees to manage their mental health and wellness.
- Investing in professional development – several of our staff are currently attending the Government Finance Officers Association Conference and later this year we will also have staff attending the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Conference.

Revenue Generation Strategies

DSPR is actively exploring multiple strategies to diversify our revenue base:

- A market-based analysis is underway to adjust facility rental rates and lease agreements to reflect current market values.
- Reinstating paid parking at Emile Griffith Park.
- Upgrading our underutilized facilities to create new income streams, maximizing the value of our existing assets.
- Increasing program fees and advertising opportunities are also being considered.

New revenue streams are essential to sustaining growth without overburdening the general fund. We recognize that without proactive cost-cutting and revenue-generating measures, expansion efforts will strain existing resources.

Sports Tourism Development

DSPR is actively collaborating with the Department of Tourism and local sports federations to position the Virgin Islands as a premier sporting destination.

Our continued attendance at the TEAMS Conference has opened ongoing discussions on hosting a

- **Memorial Day American Junior Golf Association Tournament in 2026**

A collaboration with the softball federation has the USVI in consideration to host a



- **Division I Women's Softball tournament in 2027**

These events promise to stimulate the economy and elevate the Territory's national visibility.

Project Highlights & Recent Accomplishments

I would like to highlight ongoing projects and a few of our major accomplishments over the past year:

- The **Vincent Mason Pool** has been completed and reopened to the public.
- The FEMA scope for **Reinholdt Jackson Ballpark** has been completed; restroom upgrades and press box addition are priorities.
- Renovations at the **Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack** have been completed ahead of schedule, and the racing surface has been certified. Thank you to Southland Gaming VI for their commitment and support to this project.
- At **Randall "Doc" James Racetrack**, a geotechnical study has been completed. A & E services are ongoing. Certified racing surface and repairs to the existing barns are priority.
- The **FEMA scope for Emile Griffith Park** has been completed, and we are actively moving forward with securing funding for essential upgrades, including the installation of new LED field lighting and the resurfacing of the facility.
- The **Revitalize/Retrofit Ten Playgrounds Territory-wide** Project is ongoing, the installation RFB will be advertised this month. The following facilities are scheduled for new playgrounds: Vincent Mason Pool, Cramer's Park, David Hamilton Jackson Park, DC Canegata, La Vallee Park, Estate Glynn, Rudy Krigger Ballpark, Smith Bay Tot Lot, Dorothea Playground, Oswald Harris Court, Alvin McBean Complex, Orville Brown Playground (St. John).
- DSPR has 8 facilities that remain without LED **Light Retrofit**: Fort Frederick Tennis & Basketball courts, Basketball courts in Campo Rico, Glynn, Mon Bijou, Castle Burke, Williams Delight and Cruz Bay Tennis Courts. We are actively moving forward with securing funding.

In addition, DSPR continues to monitor three ongoing construction projects being managed by other entities — the **Skate and Bike Park at Ezra Fredericks Ballpark**, **Paul E. Joseph Stadium** and **Terrance Martin Park**, along with the **Pedro Cuz Basketball Court covering**. Once completed, it will be DSPR's responsibility to manage, staff, and maintain these facilities.

Special Recognition

I want to take a moment to recognize our 18U NIKE RBI Softball Team, which recently won the world regional tournament and will represent the territory at the NIKE RBI Softball World Series in Vero Beach, Florida, in August. We are so proud of these young ladies and the way they represent the spirit and talent of our Territory. Also, Congratulations to our 15U NIKE RBI Baseball Team for making the NIKE RBI Baseball Jr. World Regional Tournament semifinals game.



And finally, congratulations to our Employees of the Year — **Mr. Roberto Camacho** from the St. Croix District and **Mr. Curtis Prince** from the St. Thomas/St. John District — for their exceptional dedication and service.

Closing

In closing, I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the dedicated staff of the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation. Their unwavering commitment to serving our community is the foundation upon which our programs and services are built.

These professionals work tirelessly—often beyond regular hours—with a level of pride and professionalism that distinguishes our department. Whether it's maintaining our parks, organizing public events, or developing programs that foster wellness, inclusion, and engagement, their efforts are critical to our mission.

I am deeply proud to represent such a committed team. Their passion, integrity, and work ethic not only support our department's success but directly enhance the quality of life for the people we serve.

To each of them, I extend my sincere gratitude. Thank you for your service and dedication.

Chairman Francis, Members of the Committee—thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I would now be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

APPENDIX A

Recreational and Non-Recreational Programs

Program

Category

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Never Too Much Softball	Recreational
Trevor Joseph Little League Baseball Tournament	Recreational
Rugrats' Tee Ball League	Recreational
Joseph Meat Sprauve Little League Baseball Tournament	Recreational
DSPR's Governmental and Industrial Slow Pitch Softball League	Recreational
DSPR's Men's 40+ Modified Softball League (Territorial)	Recreational
Women's Modified Softball League	Recreational



Program

Category

DSPR/STUMPA 13u Softball Tournament	Recreational
MVP Baseball Skills Challenge ages 13-18	Recreational
Little League Baseball in conjunction with DSPR ages 4-12	Recreational
Ball & Bat Spring Skills Development ages 7-18	Recreational
Youth Baseball Friendship Series with Puerto Rico	Recreational
MLBPA and RBI Baseball Clinic Ages 8-18	Recreational
MLBPA Alumni Clinics (Territorial)	Recreational

FOOTBALL

3rd Annual Dana Richardson Varsity Flag Football Tournament	Recreational
Flag Football Clinic ages 7-17	Recreational

SOCCER

Rugrats' Soccer Clinics	Recreational
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VOLLEYBALL

DSPR's Governmental Volleyball League	Recreational
DSPR in conjunction with Jestorce Volleyball Clinic ages 11-17	Recreational
Senor Volleyball Games with DHS	Recreational
Governmental & Industrial Coed Volleyball League ages 16+	Recreational

BASKETBALL

Boys and Girls Basketball Clinics	Recreational
Basketball Clinics ages 3-15	Recreational
Basketball Tournament ages 7-9	Recreational
Basketball Clinics ages 3-15	Recreational
Basketball Tournament 10-12	Recreational

KICKBALL

St. John Kickball League	Recreational
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TENNIS

Rackets Up! Tennis Clinics with Spot Sports	Recreational
Afterschool Salvation Army Program	Non-recreational

OTHER

Battle of the Agencies (Territorial)	Recreational
St. Ursula's Senior Fit and Feisty Circle	Recreational
Paint with Me Seniors Editions ages 65+	Non-recreational
National Park Service & Project Promise Buck Island Tours (5th graders)	Non-recreational
Preschooler Turkey Race, ages 3-6	Recreational
Senior Fitness Workout ages 55+	Recreational
Senior Fitness Workout ages 55+	Recreational
Sports Clinics age 9-18	Recreational
Senior Bingo with DHS	Non-recreational
Senior Cultural Appreciation Lunch & Food Tasting	Non-recreational
Playing Marbles ages 7-12	Recreational



Program

Easter Egg Hunt ages 1-12
Fitness Boot Camp ages 21+
Summer Camp (Territorial)
DSPR & the Village Backpack Giveaway and Fun Day ages 5-17

Category

Recreational
Recreational
Recreational
Non-recreational



APPENDIX B MISCELLANEOUSGRANT

Grant Appropriation for FY 2025								
Act No. 8916 Bill No. 35-0376								
Vendor #	Name of Grantee	Appropriation '25	Report Needed FY '24	Allotment to Date	Reserves	Processing OMB	Processing DOF	No Request To Date
17282	VI Olympic Committee	\$450,000.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450,000.00
38534	American Legion Post 131-Viggo E. Sewer	\$10,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
34080	American Legion Post 90-Patrick U. George	\$10,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
75496	Audi Henneman Legacy Inter-Neighborhood Basketball League	\$10,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
60991	Boys and Girl Club	\$150,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
23954	Committee Betterment Carenage	\$10,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
47285	Dorcas STT	\$7,500.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
18515	Elrod Hendricks Little League West	\$50,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
65134	Emerald Gems	\$5,625.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$5,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,625.00
26830	Explorers Baseball, Inc.	\$12,000.00	NEW	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
73798	Massey Soccer Academy	\$10,000.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00		\$10,000.00
57114	Marine Vocational Program Inc.	\$10,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
66978	New Day St. John, Inc.	\$10,000.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
23000	Pan Dragons	\$10,000.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
65526	RAW Basketball	\$5,625.00	NO REQUEST	\$0.00	\$5,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,625.00
21933	Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) Program	\$300,000.00	NEW	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30676	S.P.A.R.K.S	\$25,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
39417	VI Softball Federation, Inc. (WBSC)	\$50,000.00	NEW	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
39417	VI Softball Federation, Inc.	\$37,500.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
800001	STT Zero Tolerance Basketball League	\$20,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15619	STT/STJ Swimming Association	\$41,250.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$41,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,250.00
55906	STT/STJ Youth Scholastic Chess Club	\$10,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
67292	Triple H. Ranch Inc.	\$7,500.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
31715	USVI Boxing Federation	\$7,500.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
47286	Access to Racial & Cultural Health Institute, Inc. (ARCH)	\$7,500.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
61850	Alliance Youth Group Inc.	\$18,750.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$18,750.00	\$18,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
56959	American Legion Post 102- Enrique Romero Nieves	\$10,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
27267	American Legion Post 133- Bromley Berkeley	\$10,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
36033	American Legion Post 85- Myron G. Danielson	\$10,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
63247	Boys Scouts - STX	\$25,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
28865	Calypso, Inc.	\$3,750.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00
59524	Caribbean Center for Boys and Girls of the Virgin Islands	\$150,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
26721	Choices Basketball, Inc.	\$25,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60464	Cultural Conquest Association, Inc.	\$5,000.00	NEW	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
47288	Dorcas STX	\$7,500.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
26034	Elmo Plaskett Little League East	\$50,000.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00



66475	Entre El Pueblo	\$9,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
61697	Eddie Ortiz Three Kings Tradition	\$20,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31238	Helenites Sports Club	\$5,000.00	NEW	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
75321	Imala Academy Soccer Program	\$5,000.00	NEW	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
	Junior Dragsters	\$10,000.00	NEW	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
51403	Positive Guidance	\$25,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
59292	St. Croix Junior Bowlers	\$7,500.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
15553	St. Croix Swimming Association	\$50,000.00	REPORT NEEDED	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
40654	Track & Field Federation	\$100,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
24284	USVI Basketball Federation	\$100,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
76026	USVI Chess Association - St. Croix	\$7,000.00	NEW	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
66669	VI Baseball Federation (Vendor # says STOP)	\$26,250.00	NEW	\$0.00	\$26,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,250.00
800003	VI Bowling Federation (From FY 24 to Sunset FY 25)	\$15,000.00	NO FUNDS RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
26564	Virgin Islands Volleyball Federation	\$45,000.00	REPORT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
	Grants Totals:	\$2,006,750.00		\$345,000.00	\$1,661,750.00	\$191,250.00	\$233,000.00	\$1,087,500.00



APPENDIX C

Capital Projects

**DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, PARKS, AND RECREATION
ACTION PLAN DISASTER PROJECTS
PRIORITY LISTING**

St. Croix Recreational Facilities

Updated: May 20, 2025

Scope of Work	Person Responsible For Work	Projected Completion Date	Contractor	Funding Sources	Project Status	% Completed
<u>1. Reinholdt Jackson Ball Park</u> Resurfacing the basketball court with installation of new perimeter fencing and LED sports lights on courts and softball field. Perimeter fencing at ball field to include new batting cages, playground equipment, new press box and repair and replace dugouts, and repairs to the recreation building	Arol Abel Roy Canton	May 2024	Custom Builders	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%
<u>2. Frederiksted Waterfront, Midre Cummings & Budhoe Park</u> Repairs and painting of walkway bollards, chains, install new walkway lighting	Arol Abel Roy Canton	August 2024	Custom Builders	LOCAL	COMPLETED	100%
<u>3. Marley Beach</u> Installation of new picnic tables and benches, repairs and painting of bollards and chains and the installation of aluminum railing	Arol Abel Roy Canton	November 2023	Caribbean Contracting Services	LOCAL	COMPLETED	100%
<u>4. Pedro Cruz Ball Park</u> Installation of new scoreboard, electrical repairs, fencing repairs, and the installation of new LED sports lighting	Arol Abel Roy Canton	September 2024	Polaris	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%
<u>5. D.C. Canegata Softball Field</u>					COMPLETED	



Repairs and replacement of dugouts, fencing repairs, and the Installation of new LED sports lights on softball field, basketball, and tennis courts and baseball field	Arol Abel Roy Canton	October 2024	D.V.D. Construction	FEMA	Advertising bids for Phase 2 renovations	100%
<u>6. Rudy Krieger Ballpark</u> Installation of new perimeter fencing at basketball and volleyball courts, the softball field, installation of new LED sports lights on courts and softball field. Repairs to walkways and walkway lighting. Resurfacing the basketball and tennis courts.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	September 2024	Custom Builders McCourt	FEMA	COMPLETED DPP addressing incompleteness of court resurfacing projects on STX.	100%
<u>7. Cramer's Park Pavilions</u> Construction of 5 new beach pavilions, HC parking, demolish and constructing new electrical service building, picnic benches, BBQ grills, and perimeter fencing	Arol Abel Roy Canton	February 2024	D.V.D. Construction	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%
<u>8. Cramer's Park Concession</u> Construction of new Concession Building	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A	Springline	FEMA	Bid solicitation September 2025	
<u>9. Horace Clarke Ballpark</u>	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A		FEMA	Funds reprogrammed for use at DC Canegata Softball Field Phase II	
<u>10. Randall Doc James Racetrack</u>	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A		FEMA	A & E being developed for construction, target of October construction 2025	
<u>11. Vincent Mason Pool Resort</u> Construction of a new pool, repairs to restrooms, pavilion, pump room, walkways, guard house and entrance gate.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	March 2025	J. Benton Construction	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%



<u>12. Est. Profit Community Center</u> A&E for the repairs to the existing Community Center	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A	A & E by Springline	FEMA	Development of SOW and A&E with Springline 90% completed; Final plans July 2025	90% Completed
<u>13. DC Canegata Baseball Field</u> Stadium Structural Analysis and repairs.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A	A & E by Springline	FEMA	Structural Analysis needed final scope determination. Led lighting install completed September 2024	
<u>14. DC Canegata Recreation Building</u> Generator Room and Roof repairs	Arol Abel Roy Canton	NA	A & E by Springline	FEMA	Awaiting FEMA HMGP final approvals on roof and building repairs design.	

St. John Recreational Facilities

<u>1. Cruz Bay Tennis Courts</u> Resurfacing of the tennis courts and the repairs to fencing	Arol Abel	October 2023	McCourt	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%
<u>2. Orville Brown Basketball Court</u> Resurfacing of the basketball court, Bleachers, LED Sports lights.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	October 2023	Charles Electrical Services, LLC McCourt	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%
<u>3. Winston Wells Park</u> Repairs to the perimeter fencing at softball field, repairs to bleachers and concession.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A		FEMA	Property occupied by Dept. Education DPW, SPR and Harnel (A&E) to review the final plans for the bleachers, and concession / press box. It was determined that the cost for construction may be above the budgeted amount. However, it was also decided to send it out to bid to determine what can be deleted from the design to meet the budget.	90% A&E



4. Oppenheimer Beach Repair of Beach House facilities.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A	Harnel International	FEMA	A&E In progress; A & E to be completed by June 2025	
5. St. John Community Center Reconstruction of facility -Community Center / Hurricane Shelter	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A	Harnel International	FEMA	A&E In progress	60%

St. Thomas Recreational Facilities

1. Alvin McBean Recreational Complex: Repairs to Bleachers, Concession, Restrooms, Fencing, Sports Lights, install flag poles and new Scoreboard.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	June 2024	Custom Builders	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%
2. Coki Point Beach Repairs to beach house restrooms, boardwalk, and Concession Kisok	Arol Abel Roy Canton	November 2023	In-House	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%
3. Doris Hodge Tennis Courts & Paddleball Courts Repairs to Bleachers, Perimeter fencing, and resurfacing of courts, and installation of LED Sport Lighting.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	May 2024	Custom Builders Charles Electrical Services, LLC	FEMA	North Bleachers need additional funding for repairs. Design drawings and SOW are being developed in-house for the north bleacher repairs. LED light install completed	100%
4. Emile Griffith Ball Park Renovations to Restrooms, Concession, and the installation of new bleachers, Press Box, LED Sports Light at Softball Field, and perimeter fencing.	Arol Abel Roy Canton	March 2025	Four Star Construction, LLC	FEMA	COMPLETED	100%.
5. Ezra Fredericks Ballpark Solicitation for quotes for A&E for design of concession and restrooms, Remove and replace chain link fencing, resurfacing Basketball Court, replace	Arol Abel Roy Canton	July 2025	Grant Engineering	FEMA	Restroom A & E	35%



existing basketball court fixture w/ LED lighting.	VI Surfing Federation					
Lighting for Skate Park and Field						
<u>6. Frenchtown Ballpark (Aubain)</u> Repairs to Press Box, Concession, Installation of new Bleachers and Score Board, barrier, perimeter fencing and LED Sports Lights at Softball Field	Arol Abel Roy Canton	May 2024	Custom Builders	FEMA	Completed	100%
<u>7. Kirwan Terrace Ballpark</u> Fencing, Repairs to Bleacher, Concession, LED Sports Lights on Field, new Score Board	Arol Abel Roy Canton	July 2024	Caribbean Contracting Services	FEMA	Completed	100%
<u>8. Lionel Roberts Stadium</u> Electrical and Concession repairs, Fencing and installation of LED Sports Lighting on Baseball Field, and field restoration	Arol Abel Roy Canton	October 2024	Polaris	FEMA	Structural assessment recommends demolition of stadium. LED Light installation scheduled for June 2025	75%
<u>9. Lionel Smut Ballpark</u> Designs for the Repairs to Concession and Restrooms, and for the design for a new perimeter concrete retaining wall. The installation of new LED Sport lights on the courts ball field	Arol Abel Roy Canton	December 2024	Boschulte Charles Electrical Services LLC	FEMA	A&E Completed for concession and wall. Boschulte Architects Led install Completed	100% 100%
<u>10. Nadir Basketball Court</u> Replacement of perimeter fencing, Bleacher and playground equipment replacement, Installation of LED lights at Basketball Court	Arol Abel Roy Canton	October 2024	Charles Electrical Services LLC (Sports Lights) LEBG, LLC	FEMA	Ligh Installation awarded to Charles Electric Additional repairs are needed for the shed.	100%
<u>11. Clinton Phipps Racetrack</u>	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A		Private Corp		
<u>12. Milton Newton</u>	Arol Abel Roy Canton	N/A		Local	Community Partnership	
<u>13. Territorial Playground Equipment upgrade</u>	Roy Canton Arol Abel	October 2025		EDA Grant	Equipment Purchased Installation Contract out to bid June 2025.	



<u>14. Territorial LED Lighting upgrade</u>	Roy Canton Arol Abel	November 2024		Grant	STT/STJ STX	100% 100%
<u>15. Territorial Court Resurfacing</u>	Arol Abel Roy Canton		McCourt Potential Litigation	CIP Grant	STT STX	100% 50%
<u>16. Winston Raymo Center</u>	Arol Abel	August 2021		FEMA		100%



APPENDIX D

Federal Grant Listing

FISCAL YEAR 2025 FEDERAL GRANT LISTING							
DEPARTMENT OF <u>SPORTS, PARKS, AND RECREATION</u>							
GRANTOR AGENCY	TYPE OF GRANT	GRANT AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	BALANCES	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE	PURPOSE OF THE GRANT
Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, OIA	Capital Improvement Project	\$738,000.00	\$404,185.29		\$333,814.71	02/03/2020 - 01/31/2026	Renovations of Various Parks on STX, STT/STJ Districts
Economic Development Administration (Sub- award)	Economic Adjustment Assistance	\$1,640,083.00	\$839,022.04	\$30,753.13	\$770,307.83	12/9/2021- 12/10/2025	Revitalize/Retrofit Ten Playgrounds Project
Economic Development Administration (Sub- award)	Economic Adjustment Assistance	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	12/9/2021- 12/10/2025	Oppenheimer Beach Facility Revitalization & Coast Protection
Economic Development Administration (Sub- award)	Economic Adjustment Assistance	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	12/9/2021- 12/10/2025	Coral Bay Recreational Facility
Economic Development Administration (Sub- award)	ARPA State Planning Grant	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	12/1/2021- 5/30/2025	Development of a Sports Tourism Strategy
U.S. Department of Treasury: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	ARPA State & Local Recovery Fund (SLFRF)	\$1,115,400.00	\$1,032,700.00		\$82,700.00	03/1/2022 - 6/28/2025	SolGreen Solar Charging Workstations
U.S. Department of Treasury: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	ARPA State & Local Recovery Fund (SLFRF)	\$279,242.78	\$179,242.78		\$100,000.00	03/1/2022 - 10/31/2025	Health and Wellness Programs

