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FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ANALYSIS

## Virgin Islands Olympic Committee

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## **DEPARTMENT'S OVERVIEW**

The Virgin Islands Olympic Committee (VIOC) serves as the official governing body responsible for representing the United States Virgin Islands in the Olympic Movement. Established in 1966 and recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1968, the VIOC plays a vital role in developing and promoting amateur sports across the Territory.

Guided by its mission “*to provide education to Virgin Islanders about the benefits of Olympism through the delivery of comprehensive education and sports program while teaching lifelong Olympic values learned through participation in sports*”; VIOC remains steadfast in its goal to afford athletes an opportunity to compete locally, regionally, and internationally.

The Virgin Islands Olympic Committee (VIOC) currently prepares athletes for both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games, while also supporting non-Olympic sports. Additionally, the VIOC organizes and supports delegations for the Central American and Caribbean Games, the Pan American Games, the Winter Olympic Games, and the Youth Olympic Games.

Athletes have an opportunity to compete in the following segments:

Athletics	Baseball	Basketball	Bowling
Boxing	Chess	Cycling	Equestrian
Fencing	Football	Golf	Judo
Sailing	Shooting	Softball	Soccer
Taekwondo	Tennis	Triathlon	Swimming
Volleyball	Winter Sports	Wrestling	University Sports

## **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

*Exhibit I* displays the organizational structure of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee

Name	Position	Location	Terms
John Abramson, Jr	President	St. Thomas	10/01/24-09/30/28
Athneil Thomas	Vice-President	St. Thomas	10/01/24-09/30/28
Desiree Miranda	Vice-President	St. Croix	10/01/24-09/30/28
Ansen Sligar	Secretary General	St. Thomas	10/01/24-09/30/28
Bridgette Berry	Treasurer	St. Thomas	10/01/24-09/30/28
Alice Joseph-Marsh	At Large Member	St. Thomas	10/01/24-09/30/26
Johann Clendenin	At Large Member	St. Croix	10/01/24-09/30/26
Natalia Kuipers	Athlete Representative	St. Croix	

*Exhibit I*

***Note:*** *There are no expired terms for officers. An officer can be re-elected. According to statute, an election for officers is held every four (4) years.*

## **VIOC AT A GLANCE**

Act No. 8916 Appropriated **\$450,000** to the VIOC. The Agency did not receive any additional funding for FY 2025.

"During the Fiscal Year 2025 budget hearing, the President of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee expressed the organization's intent to establish a permanent office and a multipurpose sporting facility in St. Thomas. The proposed facility would include a FEMA-approved safe room, with full support from the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA). This initiative remains pending.

## FUND FLOW ANALYSIS

The Agency's Fiscal Year 2025 fund flow analysis outlines the VIOC's budget across five key components: appropriations, allotted amount, obligations, expenditures and balance available.

Dept.	Fund Source	Appropriation	Allotted as of June 12, 2025	Obligated	Expended as of July 02, 2025	Balance	Remarks
VIOC	General	\$450,000	\$-	\$	\$514,675	<b>-\$64,675</b>	\$ 450,000 unallotted

*Exhibit I*

For Fiscal Year 2025, the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee received a legislative appropriation of **\$450,000** from the General Fund. However, as of June 30, 2025, no allotments had been issued to the agency. Despite the absence of released funds, the Executive Administrator reported expenditures totalling **\$514,675** as of July 2, 2025, **reflecting a budget overrun of \$64,675**, or approximately **14.37%** above the agency's authorized budget for the fiscal year.

Notably, there were no obligations recorded, given that the FY 2025 appropriation remains entirely unallotted at this time. This presents a significant financial and operational concern, as the agency has incurred expenses in the absence of any officially allotted funds, raising questions about the source and management of interim financing or alternative funding mechanisms.

Repeated inquiries regarding the VIOC's ability to maintain operations without access to its FY 2025 allotment went unanswered as of the close of business on Friday, July 11, 2025. The lack of response further complicates the assessment of the agency's fiscal practices and raises broader concerns about financial oversight, accountability, and risk exposure.

Given the VIOC's critical role in athlete preparation and representation in international events, sustained underfunding or delayed budget execution could hinder program delivery, long-term planning, and its strategic objectives. The funding gap also highlights a potential misalignment between approved appropriations and actual operational needs, underscoring the importance of timely allotments, accurate forecasting, and coordination of activities.

## FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

For Fiscal Year 2026, the Governor has recommended a General Fund lump-sum appropriation of **\$300,000** to the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee, to be allocated from the Miscellaneous Section of the Executive Budget. This recommendation represents a significant shortfall when compared to the VIOC's submitted request of **\$667,020 for FY 2026; a difference of \$367,020, or approximately 55%.**

## EXPENDITURES

*Exhibit II* provides a detailed comparison of VIOC's financials, including actual expenditures for FY 2024, expenditures through July 2, 2025, for FY 2025, and the funding request for FY 2026.

Line Item	FY 2024 Actual	Year to Date Oct 1, 2024- July 02, 2025	FY 2026 Request
<b>Personnel Services</b>			
Classified Employee Salaries	\$62,257	\$ 50,367	\$91,520
Holiday Pay	-	-	6,000
<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>62,257</b>	<b>50,367</b>	<b>97,520</b>
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>			
Employer Cont. Retirement	1,649	2,229	3,000
F.I.C. A	7,724	7,933	9,000
All Other	3,754	2,357	4,000
<b>Total Fringe Benefits</b>	<b>13,127</b>	<b>12,519</b>	<b>16,000</b>
<b>Supplies</b>			
Office Supplies	8,075	18,042	10,000
Operating Supplies	3,436	-	20,000
All Other	51,451	8,094	5,000
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>62,962</b>	<b>26,136</b>	<b>35,000</b>
<b>Other Services &amp; Charges</b>			
Professional Services	3,677	4,793	20,000
Communication	-	-	1,500
Travel	381,337	233,368	50,000
Transportation -Not Travel	217	-	-
Advertising & Promotion	22,620	9,100	25,000
			5,000
Insurance	3,935	2,167	30,000
Rental-Land/Building	16,934	8,048	19,000
Training	307,697	100,251	60,000
All Other	76,269	65,735	300,000
<b>Total Other Services &amp; Charges</b>	<b>812,691</b>	<b>423,462</b>	<b>510,500</b>
<b>Utilities</b>			
Electricity	3,128	1,476	5,000
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Capital Outlays</b>			
Vehicles	2,131	715	3,000
<b>Total Capital Outlays</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$956,297</b>	<b>\$514,675</b>	<b>\$667,020</b>

*Exhibit II*



## PERSONNEL SERVICES

For Fiscal Year 2026, the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee is requesting a total of **\$97,520** for Personnel Services. This amount is intended to fund two (2) full-time Executive Administrator positions, each with an annual salary of \$41,600, totalling **\$83,200**. The remaining **\$14,320 or 14.6%** of the request has not been clearly itemized by the VIOC. Inquiries seeking clarification regarding this additional amount were not answered as of the close of business on July 11, 2025.

Position Title	Salary	Status
Executive Administrator	\$41,600	Filled
Executive Administrator	41,600	Filled
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$83,200</b>	

*Exhibit III*

## LEASES

*Exhibit IV* provides VIOC's current lease.

Lessor	Address	Square Foot	Monthly Rent	Term
<b>Crystal Blue Operations</b>	Suite #206, 6/7 Dronningens Gade St. Thomas	<b>500</b>	<b>\$1,016</b>	12/01/2021 - 12/01/2025
<b>Totals</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>\$1,016</b>	

*Exhibit IV*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

*Exhibit V* provides VIOC's professional services contracts.

Name	Description	Amount	Payment
Roy Jackson	Taxes	\$895	Invoice paid when submitted
Athneil Bobby Thomas	Radio Show	130 (Weekly)	Invoice paid when submitted
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1,025</b>	

*Exhibit V*

## VEHICLE LISTING

VIOC has one (1) vehicle. Maintenance charges are **\$1,000** and gasoline charges are covered by Member Federations.

Year	Make	Model	Funding Source	Condition	Lease/ Own	Maintenance
2018	Ford	Transit	VIOC	Excellent	Own	\$1,000

*Exhibit VI*

## OTHER FUNDING

The Virgin Islands Olympic Committee is recognized as a separate "sport country" by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and a full voting member of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC). As a result, supplementary funding of various amounts is received to assist in the development of the agency. The supplementary funding is granted and designated for training, travel, and administrative expenses. The IOC will continuously provide funding to assist in the preparation for the Olympic games.

## SUMMARY

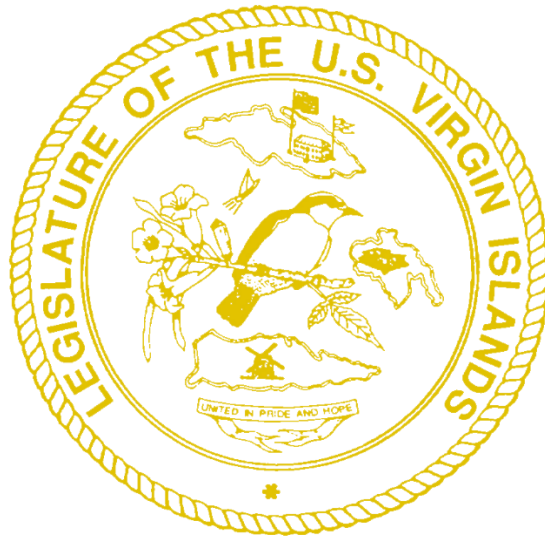
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\$300,000	Governor's General Fund Lump Sum Recommendation
<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>FY 2026 Total Operating Budget</b>



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