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United States Department of Justice Grant Programs
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Office of Justice Programs - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Grant Program

To receive formula grant funding under JJDP's Title II, Part B Formula Grants Program, a state must (1) satisfy 33 statutory state plan requirements, (2) designate a state agency to prepare and administer the state's comprehensive three-year juvenile justice and delinquency prevention plan, (3) establish a State Advisory Group to provide policy direction and participate in the preparation and administration of the three-year-plan, and (4) commit to achieve and maintain compliance with the four core requirements of the JJDP:

- deinstitutionalization of status offenders
- separation of juveniles from adult inmates
- removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups
- disproportionate minority contact

Participating states must submit an annual compliance report that includes data to demonstrate they have maintained or achieved compliance with the four core requirements. States must also submit an annual Core Requirement Plan.

These core requirements are essential for states to receive federal funding under the JJDP, and they aim to create a more equitable and effective juvenile justice system. Compliance with these mandates is monitored through annual reports and assessments.

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program is a Department of Justice (DOJ) formula grant program. The JAG program allocates funds to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands (collectively referred to as "states" hereinafter) for a variety of state and local criminal justice initiatives. The program is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

9 Program Purpose Areas:

Grant recipients can use their JAG funds for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems for the following purpose areas:

- law enforcement;
- prosecution and courts;
- prevention and education;
- corrections and community corrections;
- drug treatment;
- planning, evaluation, and technology improvement;
- crime victim and witness assistance (other than compensation);
- mental health and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams; and
- state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including mental health, drug, and veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.

States are required to submit a comprehensive strategic plan with their applications. Additionally, in any year in which the statewide strategic plan is not fully updated, states must also submit a brief annual report with their applications. To help ensure that states consider the impact of JAG funding decisions across the entire criminal justice system, BJA strongly encourages each state to bring all criminal justice system stakeholders together in the strategic planning process. The strategic planning process should include local governments and representatives of all segments of the criminal justice system, including judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, and corrections personnel, as well as providers of indigent defense services, victim services, juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, community corrections, and re-entry services.

Edward Byrne Memorial State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Grant

As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) provides formula funds to implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives. These include, but are not limited to, extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others, mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans treatment courts. Byrne SCIP furthers the U. S. Department of Justice's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. Byrne SCIP focuses on gun violence and the programs and initiatives that target the risk factors that are likely to lead to this kind of violence, such as funding for the creation and implementation of ERPO programs, state crisis intervention court proceedings, and related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives.

Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Community Project Funding

The Community Project Funding (CPF)/Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) appropriations designated for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) under the Byrne heading. These funds are also known as the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program.

Projects designated for funding were included in the Department of Justice Appropriations Acts beginning in FY 2022 and onward.

The purpose of Byrne Discretionary is to provide funding for specific community projects designated for funding in the Department of Justice Appropriations Acts. Byrne Discretionary aims to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, prevent or combat juvenile delinquency, and assist victims of crime (other than compensation). Funding shall be used for the projects, and in the amounts specified under the OJP-Byrne account in the Congressional Joint Explanatory Statement (JES) and are incorporated by reference into public law.

Funding in the amount of \$659,000 to the Virgin Islands, through LEPC, is for the Virgin Islands Department of Justice to purchase a modular Medical Examiner's administrative office that includes autopsy suite and morgue that will be located on St. Croix.

John R. Justice (JRJ) Grant Program

The purpose of the John R. Justice (JRJ) Grant Program is to encourage qualified individuals to enter and continue employment as local and state prosecutors and local, state, or federal public defenders. The John R. Justice Program provides loan repayment assistance for state and federal public defenders and state prosecutors who agree to remain employed as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Grant Program

The PREA Grant Program is a federal initiative aimed at responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. It provides funding to local and tribal agencies to implement plans for creating or expanding "zero tolerance" cultures of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The program supports BJA in carrying out USDOJ's responsibilities related to PREA audits and PREA Standards pertaining to (a) community confinement facilities, (b) juvenile facilities, (c) lockup facilities, and (d) prisons and jails.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Grant Program

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program is a formula grant program that enhances the capabilities of state, local, and tribal governments to provide residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment to adult and juvenile populations during detention or incarceration, initiate or continue evidence-based SUD treatment in jails, prepare individuals for reintegration into the community, and assist them and their communities throughout the reentry process by delivering community-based treatment and other recovery aftercare services.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program

The Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, community-based partners, and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them.

PSN is coordinated by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices (USAOs) in the 94 federal judicial districts throughout the 50 states and U.S. territories. PSN is customized to account for local violent crime problems and resources. An important aspect of PSN is to incorporate research and analysis to inform the decision-making process on the most effective violence reduction strategies.

Across all districts, PSN follows four key design elements of successful violent crime reduction initiatives: community engagement, prevention and intervention, focused and strategic enforcement, and accountability.

PSN also encourages the development of practitioner-researcher partnerships that use data, evidence, and innovation to create strategies and interventions that are effective and make communities safer. This data-driven approach enables jurisdictions to understand the full nature and extent of the crime challenges they are facing and to direct resources to the highest priorities.

Office of Violence Against Women

Violence Against Women (STOP) Act Grant Program

The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program is awarded to states and territories. It enhances the capacity of local communities to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

Each state and territory must allocate 25 percent for law enforcement, 25 percent for prosecutors, 30 percent for victim services (of which at least 10 percent must be distributed to culturally specific community-based organizations), 5 percent to state and local courts, and 15 percent for discretionary distribution.

Office of Victims of Crime

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program

Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) administers the Crime Victims Fund, which is financed by fines and penalties from convictions in federal cases, not from tax dollars. Federal revenues deposited into the Fund also come from gifts, donations, and bequests by private parties.

LEPC serves as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for VOCA formula grants for crime victim assistance, awarded through subgrants to state agencies and local service providers, support direct services to crime victims.

Opening Statement

Greetings Mr. Chairman, Honorable Senator Novell E. Francis, other members of the Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance, other members of the 36th Legislature, and members of the listening and viewing public.

I am Moleto A. Smith Jr., Director, U.S. Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission, better referred to as LEPC. I appear to speak in support of Governor Albert Bryan, Jr.'s Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget appropriation request for LEPC, in the amount of **\$734,766** which covers Personnel Services in the amount of \$731,053.03, and other charges in the amount of \$3,712.97. This appropriation request represents the deletion of Other Services funding, in its entirety, from LEPC's FY 2025 Budget Appropriation Request and the expressed intention of the Senate at that time to shift those costs to federal funds. Though well-intended, that action is considered as supplanting which is strictly prohibited by United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). Costs associated with supplanting are unallowable under federal rules and regulations. Further details on supplanting and the unallowable use of federal funds in such instances will be provided later in my testimony.

Appearing with me are Ms. Avril Charles, LEPC's Director of Financial Services and Ms. Sherri Abbott, Federal Programs Coordinator.

Legal Authority

LEPC'S legal authority is derived from Virgin Islands Code Title 3, Chapter 15, Section 261 (2019). In summary, pursuant to Virgin Islands law, LEPC is the chief advisory entity to the Governor and the state planning agency for the Virgin Islands for key criminal justice activities cited below, among others:

- developing policies, plans, programs and budgets for improving coordination, administration and effectiveness of the criminal justice system in the Virgin Islands
- preparing criminal justice plans, on behalf of the Governor, based on an analysis of the Virgin Islands' criminal justice needs and problems

- establishing goals, priorities and standards for the reduction of crime and delinquency and the improvement of the administration of justice in the Virgin Islands
- recommending legislation, to the Governor and Legislature, in the criminal justice field
- monitoring and evaluating programs and projects, funded in whole or in part by the United States Virgin Islands Government, aimed at reducing crime and delinquency and improving the administration of justice
- collecting from any government entity information, data, reports, statistics, or such material which is necessary to carry out the Commission's functions.

State Administering Agency (SAA)

LEPC also serves as the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) grant funds awarded to the Territory from its (a) Bureau of Justice Assistance, (b) Office for Victims of Crime, (c) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and (d) National Criminal History and Improvement Program. These federal funds support criminal justice agencies, and community-based organizations address law enforcement and criminal justice needs, juvenile delinquency and victim services in the Territory. As the SAA, LEPC is responsible for ensuring that all awarded funds are utilized in accordance with the Code

LEPC presently administers ten (10) federal grant programs, as follows:

- 1) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (**JAG**)
- 2) Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Community Project Funding (**BRND**)
- 3) Edward Byrne Memorial State Crisis Intervention Program Grant (**BSCIP**)
- 4) John R. Justice Grant Program (**JRJ**)
- 5) Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program (**JJDP**)
- 6) Prison Rape Elimination Act (**PREA**)
- 7) Project Safe Neighborhood (**PSN**) (*LEPC serves as the Fiscal Agent for the VI PSN*)
- 8) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (**RSAT**) Program for State Prisoners
- 9) Violence Against Women Act (**VAWA**)
- 10) Victims of Crime Act (**VOCA**)

Accomplishments since LEPC Budget Hearing on July 24, 2024

Since our last appearance before the Senate Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance on July 24, 2024, LEPC has made significant strides in every key area of its responsibilities: (a) sub-awarding of federal grant funds, (b) interagency coordination and data repository and justice system gaps in behavioral health and (c) training and technical assistance.

A. Sub-awarding of federal grant funds – See accompanying charts

- ▶ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
 - Closed out 2019
 - Sub-awarded 2020, 2021 and 2022; extension through 9/30/2026 has been requested and anticipated for 2022

- ▶ *Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Community Project Funding*
 - In preliminary project closeout process

- ▶ *Edward Byrne Memorial State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCIP)*

Requirements for access to this funding are (1) the establishment of a State Crisis Intervention Program Advisory Board, (2) submission of a State Plan approved by the State Advisory Board, and (3) approval of the State Plan by USDOJ. The following actions have been taken:

 - Established Virgin Islands State Crisis Intervention Program Advisory Board (VI-SCIPAB)
 - VI-SCIPAB received training on BSCIP and outlined key priority areas for the State Plan
 - VI-SCIPAB adopted By-Laws
 - VI-SCIPAB scheduled to convene in September 2025 to finalize the State Plan

- ▶ *John R. Justice Grant Program*
 - Awarded the Territory's first recipient of Student Loan Repayment Assistance
 - 2021, 2022 and 2023 have been extended through 9/30/2026

- ▶ *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program (JJDP)*

Funding for this program supports compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended by the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018. In

addition to statutory compliance monitoring of detention, holding and residential facilities for adjudicated and non-adjudicated youth in the juvenile justice system, a key compliance requirement is the establishment of a Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) Board that meets the composition requirements of the law.

In January 2025 and May 2025, respectively, the terms of all SAG Board members expired. In June 2025, Governor Bryan approved LEPC's request for the appointment/reappointment of SAG Board members. The first meeting of the newly composed SAG Board is scheduled for September 2025. Additionally, a federal field audit for compliance with the JJDP Act is scheduled for August 2025. Federal Onsite Compliance Audits are required for all jurisdictions every three (3) years. Please note the following actions:

- Closeout of 2018, 2019 and 2020
- Subaward issued for 2021; extension to 9/30/2026 have been requested and anticipated for 2021

► *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)*

- Subaward issued for 2023

► *Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)*

LEPC serves as the fiscal agent and SAA for this grant program. As such, LEPC facilitates the solicitation of applications/proposals, on behalf of the PSN Committee. The PSN Committee, through its Selection Committee, reviews the applications/proposals and recommends, through LEPC, applications/proposals for approval by USDOJ. Recommendation from the PSN Committee must receive final approval from USDOJ as a precondition to receiving a sub-award agreement. Please note the following actions:

- PSN Selection Committee has recommended applications/proposals for approval for 2020 and 2021
- 2020 and 2021 applications/proposals are currently in final approval from USDOJ; extensions to 9/30/2026 have been requested and anticipated for each.
- 2022 and 2023 are currently under review by PSN Selection Committee; extensions to 9/30/2026 have been requested and anticipated for each.

- ▶ *Residential Substance Abuse and Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)*
 - Sub-awards issued for 2019 and 2020
 - Extension requested and anticipated for 2021

- ▶ *Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)*
 - Closed out 2020
 - 2022 and 2023 extended to 12/31/2026
 - Sub-awards issued for 2022
 - 2023 and 2024 were placed on Funding Hold by USDOJ pending the GVI submission of Single Audits for FY 2022 and FY 2023 to the Federal Clearinghouse

- ▶ *Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)*
 - Closed out 2019 and 2020
 - 2021 extension requested and anticipated to 9/30/2026
 - Sub-awards issued for 2022, extension to 9/30/2026 requested and anticipated
 - 2023 and 2024 applications/proposals currently before LEPC Review Committee
 - Extension to 9/30/2027 requested and anticipated for 2023

Highlights of key projects funded by LEPC

Funding provided through LEPC during this period supports important law enforcement and justice system initiatives, such as the following:

- Upgraded radios, man-down system, residential substance abuse treatment program and re-entry program for the Bureau of Corrections
- Temporary morgue unit for St. Croix and critical equipment for the Medical Examiner unit of the Department of Justice
- Two (2) vehicles and training of key staff and/or Judges of the Virgin Islands Judiciary
- Upgraded radios and communication system for the Enforcement Division of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

- Technology enhancements, critical equipment for the Marine Unit, and the installation of surveillance cameras with license plate readers in Frederiksted, St. Croix for the Virgin Islands Police Department
- After school and summer programs, Territory-wide, through eleven (11) community-based nonprofit organizations, with a crime prevention focus; seven (7) of whom are new subrecipients.
- Critical services, including sheltering, counseling, legal support, medical support and other services to victims of sexual assault and abuse, domestic violence and physical abuse Territory-wide
- Hiring one (1) Fulltime temporary staff person for one (1) year by the Department of Human Services to support reducing the backlog of cases and claims with the Virgin Islands Criminal Victims Compensation Commission

B. Interagency coordination and data repository and justice system gaps in behavioral health

During this period, LEPC established a Tri-annual Virgin Islands Criminal Justice Stakeholders Meeting, which convenes three (3) times annually, and is co-hosted by Governor Bryan and the LEPC Director, held at Government House, St. Thomas or St. Croix, and attended also by Lt. Governor Roach. This meeting focuses on creating safer communities through collaborations that address gaps in the justice system, improve the collection and best use of justice system data, and connect resources that support current and future initiatives. Attendees are the head of each entity in the Virgin Islands justice system, including the following officials:

- Attorney General
- Chief Public Defender
- Commissioner of Police
- Director, Bureau of Corrections
- Chief Justice of the Judiciary
- Commissioner of Human Services
- Commissioner of Health
- Commissioner of Education

- U. S. Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands
- Executive Director of the Office of Gun Violence Reduction
- University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) - Eastern Caribbean Center (ECC) and UVI Cell
- Chairperson, Virgin Islands Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) Board
- Executive Director of Police Officer Standard and Training (POST)

Work has been ongoing on key areas, including establishing a data warehouse/repository for the Virgin Islands and implementing behavioral health interventions. Key technical assistance for this process has been provided by the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA), on which the LEPC Director serves as a member of its Advisory Board. Through LEPC's relationship with NCJA, NCJA had provided key support with the subcommittee on data, as well as the subcommittee on behavioral health gaps. Subcommittee reports on each topic area were provided in March 2025 convening of the stakeholders meeting. The next convening of stakeholders is scheduled for November 2025.

C. Training and technical assistance

A key priority throughout this period was to strengthen the grants management and administration capabilities of current and prospective subrecipients who receive or may receive funds through LEPC. The following training and technical assistance activities were provided by LEPC:

- Four (4) Virtual Information Sessions on all aspects of applying for funding through LEPC were provided to over 200 people.
- Four (4) days virtual training session was provided to approximately 85 people per day on all aspects of USDOJ financial grants management and administration

Training and technical assistance is ongoing and will continue to be a key priority.

Key projects for FY 2026

The following are key projects for LEPC for FY 2026:

- Implement a Victim Notification System
- Establish a crime data warehouse/repository
- Enhance LEPC website

Current Challenges

Supplanting of federal funds

The most significant challenge that LEPC faces relates to the FY 2025 budget appropriation approved by the 35th Legislature. In the FY 2025 appropriation, the 35th Legislature deleted the Other Services funding, with the expressed legislative intent of those costs being assumed exclusively by federal grant funds administered by LEPC. The deleted Other Services funding includes funds to cover costs associated with the payment of rent, electricity and water, telephones, and janitorial services.

During last year's budget hearing, LEPC advised that further discussions should occur prior to taking any action of this type. Unfortunately, discussions did not happen prior to the Senate's approval of LEPC's FY 2025 budget appropriation.

Although the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) allows the use of federal funds to cover utilities and rent as allowable costs, provided they are reasonable and necessary to a grant award, under USDOJ rules, as cited in the *USDOJ Grants Financial Guide, as update in October 2024* and provisions of 2 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200* which outlines the **Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards**, such costs must **supplement** and **not supplant** local or state funds. According to this guidance, supplanting is the shift of state or local funded costs to federal funds based on receiving or expecting to receive federal funds.

It was made clear that it was the Senate's intent to remove all funding for other costs outside of payroll, funding which is historically covered by non-federal local sources, from LEPC, thereby requiring those operational costs to be assumed by federal grant funds. This action meets the definition of supplanting, which is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, USDOJ places the burden of proof on the recipient agency, in this case LEPC in its capacity as SAA and Fiscal fiduciary, to provide and maintain clear documentation that any shift in funding was not the result of receiving or expecting to receive federal funds. This documentation must be maintained and available for audit or monitoring purposes. Nonetheless, no justifiable documentation exists other than the Senate's intent to remove all

other costs outside of payroll from LEPC, thereby requiring those costs to be assumed by federal grant funds.

As a result of this action, LEPC has been unable to pay costs associated with rent, utilities, janitorial services and telephones because these expenses are unallowable costs in this circumstance that cannot be paid to federal grant funds. Conversely, all funding to cover these expenses have been deleted from LEPC's FY 2025 Budget Appropriation.

The need to resolve this matter has been brought to the attention of the Office of Management and Budget, which is working diligently to address it as a priority for FY 2025.

LEPC respectfully requests the Legislature restores the Other Services funding in the FY 2026 Budget Appropriation.

Submission of FY 2022 and 2023 Single Audits to the Federal Clearinghouse

The submission of the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Single Audits to the Federal Clearinghouse is an emerging challenge. The USDOJ Office of Victim Services, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant programs has placed holds on accessing FY 2023 and FY 2024 funds, pending the submission of single audits for the 2023 and 2024 fiscal years. LEPC has been in ongoing communication with the Office of Management and Budget which is working diligently to resolve this matter.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget Overview

Exhibit I below illustrates the breakdown of the 2026 fiscal year appropriation request, in the amount of \$734,766, as follows:

- Personnel Services and Fringe Benefits, in the amount of \$731,053.03, which covers the costs associated with nine (9) budgeted positions
- Other Services & Charges, in the amount of \$3,712.97, which partially covers costs associated with telephone

Exhibit I

LEPC General Fund Budget Summary (as of 07/25/25)					
Fiscal Year 2026					
General Fund Description	Appropriation FY 2024	Expenditures FY 2024	Appropriation FY 2025	Expenditures FY 2025	Governor's Recommendation FY 2026
Personnel Services	\$ 527,920.14	\$ 508,286.66	\$ 515,905.00	\$ 317,118.36	\$ 527,683.65
Fringe Benefits	\$ 241,241.15	\$ 186,948.75	\$ 218,861.00	\$ 110,575.23	\$ 203,369.38
Supplies	\$ 8,767.84	\$ 2,884.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Services & Charges	\$ 97,965.00	\$ 73,164.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,712.97
Utilities	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,546.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total General Fund	\$ 890,894.13	\$ 781,830.20	\$ 734,766.00	\$ 427,693.59	\$ 734,766.00

Personnel Listing

The Fiscal Year 2026 budget appropriation request for salaries (\$527,683.65), and fringe benefits (\$203,369.38), cover the cost of nine (9) budgeted positions. Seven (7) positions are unclassified; two (2) positions are classified non-union. The total budgeted salary cost for classified non-union positions is \$72,405.

Exhibit II below is the Personnel Listing.

Exhibit II

LEPC General Fund Personnel Listing Fiscal Year 2026		
POSITION TITLE	STATUS	SALARY
UNCLASSIFIED		
Director, LEPC	Filled	\$ 115,000
Director, Financial Management Services	Filled	\$ 75,000
Federal Programs Coordinator	Filled	\$ 70,000
Executive Assistant to the Director	Filled	\$ 54,000
Grants Manager	Filled	\$ 55,000
Grants Manager	Vacant	\$ 55,000
Grants Manager	Vacant	\$ 55,000
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	7	\$ 479,000
CLASSIFIED		
Financial Specialist	Filled	\$ 50,684
Financial Specialist	Vacant	\$ 48,270
TOTAL CLASSIFIED	2	\$ 98,954
TOTAL GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL	9	\$ 577,954
* Total includes vacant Financial Specialist position that was not included in FY'26.		

Summary of Active Federal Grants

Exhibit III below is a summary of active federal grants under the administration of LEPC.

EXHIBIT III

LEPC Active Federal Grants Award Listing							
Fiscal Year 2025/2026							
FEDERAL GRANTS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Discretionary Funds (DISC)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 659,000.00	\$ -		\$ 659,000.00
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (BSCI)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 644,469.00	\$ 370,436.00	\$ 1,014,905.00
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	\$ -	\$ 585,311.00	\$ 678,422.00	\$ 697,556.00	\$ 763,767.00	\$ 648,074.00	\$ 3,373,130.00
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program (JJDP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,250.00	\$ 95,250.00	\$ 95,250.00	\$ 97,793.00	\$ 345,543.00
BJA John R. Justice Program (JRJ)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,233.00	\$ 20,610.00	\$ 20,997.00	\$ 20,174.00	\$ 72,014.00
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,835.00	\$ -	\$ 39,835.00
Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)	\$ -	\$ 53,857.00	\$ 53,802.00	\$ 53,732.00	\$ 52,065.00	\$ 51,886.00	\$ 265,342.00
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)	\$ 111,131.00	\$ 115,271.00	\$ 125,520.00	\$ 149,653.00	\$ 168,980.00	\$ 128,048.00	\$ 798,603.00
Victims of Crime Assistance Grant (VOCA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 823,616.00	\$ 944,159.00	\$ 914,015.00	\$ 733,124.00	\$ 3,414,914.00
Violence Against Women Grant (VAWA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 638,046.00	\$ 633,657.00	\$ 643,111.00	\$ 641,973.00	\$ 2,556,787.00
TOTAL	\$ 111,131.00	\$ 754,439.00	\$ 2,386,889.00	\$ 3,253,617.00	\$ 3,342,489.00	\$ 2,691,508.00	\$ 12,540,073.00

Year	Grant Name	Grant Award Number	Grant Period	Amount	Previous Expenditures	Encumbrances	Drawdowns	Balance as of 07/28/25
2021	(JJDP)	15PJDP-21-GG-04760-TITL	10/01/21-09/30/25	\$ 57,250.00	\$ -	\$ 35,504.87	\$ 14,342.85	\$ 21,745.13
	Formula Administration			\$ 5,725.00	\$ -	\$ 3,068.57	\$ 3,068.57	\$ 2,656.43
	Formula Advisory			\$ 2,862.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,862.00
	Compliance Monitoring			\$ 12,407.00	\$ -	\$ 11,951.28	\$ 11,274.28	\$ 455.72
	Atelier St.Thomas Foundation, Inc			\$ 20,485.02	\$ -	\$ 20,485.02	\$ -	\$ -
	Subgrantees			\$ 15,770.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,770.98
	Total JJDP Grant			\$ 345,543.00	\$ -	\$ 42,014.31	\$ 20,852.29	\$ 303,528.69
2024	BJA FY 24 John R. Justice (JRI) Program	15PBJA-24-GG-01870-JRJX	10/01/24-09/30/26	\$ 20,174.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,174.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 20,174.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,174.00
2023	BJA FY 23 John R. Justice (JRI) Program	15PBJA-23-GG-04146-JRJX	10/01/23-09/30/25	\$ 20,997.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,997.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 20,997.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,997.00
2022	BJA FY 22 John R. Justice (JRI) Program	15PBJA-22-GG-01248-JRJX	10/01/22-09/30/25	\$ 20,610.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,610.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 20,610.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,610.00
2021	BJA FY 21 John R. Justice (JRI) Program	15PBJA-21-GG-00135-JRJX	10/01/21-09/30/25	\$ 10,233.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,233.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 10,233.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,233.00
	Total JRI Grant			\$ 72,014.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,014.00
2023	Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)	15PBJA-23-GG-01977-JAGP	10/01/23-09/30/25	\$ 39,835.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 9,835.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 39,835.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 9,835.00
	Total PREA Grant			\$ 39,835.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 9,835.00
2024	Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)	15PBJA-24-GG-04103-GUNP	10/01/24-09/30/27	\$ 51,886.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,886.00
	Administration			\$ 8,886.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,886.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 43,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,000.00
2023	Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)	15PBJA-23-GG-02510-GUNP	10/01/23-09/30/26	\$ 52,065.00	\$ 5,919.32	\$ -	\$ 5,919.32	\$ 46,145.68
	Administration			\$ 21,531.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,531.00
	University of the Virgin Islands			\$ 9,110.00	\$ 5,919.32	\$ -	\$ 5,919.32	\$ 3,190.68
	University of the Virgin Islands (Deobligation)			\$ (3,190.68)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,190.68)
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 24,614.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,614.68
2022	Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)	15PBJA-22-GG-00840-GUNP	10/01/22-09/30/25	\$ 53,732.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,732.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 53,732.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,732.00
2021	Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)	15PBJA-21-GG-03071-GUNP	10/01/21-09/30/25	\$ 53,802.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,802.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 53,802.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,802.00
2020	Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)	2020-GP-BX-0167	10/01/20-09/30/25	\$ 53,857.00	\$ 8,913.66	\$ 371.85	\$ 9,285.51	\$ 44,571.49
	Administration			\$ 13,194.00	\$ 8,913.66	\$ 371.85	\$ 9,285.51	\$ 3,908.49
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 40,663.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,663.00
	Total PSN Grant			\$ 265,342.00	\$ 14,832.98	\$ 371.85	\$ 15,204.83	\$ 250,137.17
2024	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)	15PBJA-24-GG-01165-RSAT	10/01/24-09/30/28	\$ 128,048.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,048.00
	Administration			\$ 12,804.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,804.80
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 115,243.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,243.20
2023	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)	15PBJA-23-GG-01566-RSAT	10/01/23-09/30/27	\$ 168,980.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,980.00
	Administration			\$ 16,898.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,898.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 152,082.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152,082.00
2022	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)	15PBJA-22-GG-00500-RSAT	10/01/22-09/30/26	\$ 149,653.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,653.00
	Administration			\$ 14,965.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,965.30
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 134,687.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,687.70
2021	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)	15PBJA-21-GG-00087-RSAT	10/01/21 - 09/30/25	\$ 125,520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,520.00
	Administration			\$ 12,552.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,552.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 112,968.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,968.00
2020	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)	2020-J2-BX-0050	10/01/20 - 09/30/25	\$ 115,271.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,271.00
	Administration			\$ 11,527.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,527.10
	Bureau of Corrections			\$ 103,743.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,743.90
2019	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)	2019-J2-BX-0050	10/01/19 - 09/30/25	\$ 111,131.00	\$ 2,644.08	\$ 98,417.07	\$ 3,015.93	\$ 9,698.00
	Administration			\$ 11,113.10	\$ 2,644.08	\$ 371.85	\$ 3,015.93	\$ 8,097.17
	Bureau of Corrections			\$ 100,017.90	\$ -	\$ 98,417.07	\$ -	\$ 1,600.83
	Total RSAT Grant			\$ 798,603.00	\$ 2,644.08	\$ 98,417.07	\$ 3,015.93	\$ 697,770.00

Year	Grant Name	Grant Award Number	Grant Period	Amount	Previous Expenditures	2025 Expenditures	Encumbrances	Drawdowns	Balance as of 07/28/25
2024	Violence Against Women STOP Formula Grant (VAWA)	15IOVW-24-GG-00548-STOP	07/01/24-06/30/26	\$ 641,973.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 641,973.00
	Administrative			\$ 51,357.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,357.84
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Court			\$ 29,530.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,530.76
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Discretionary			\$ 88,592.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,592.27
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Law Enforcement			\$ 147,653.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,653.79
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Prosecution			\$ 147,653.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,653.79
2023	Violence Against Women STOP Formula Grant (VAWA)	15IOVW-23-GG-00606-STOP	07/01/23-12/31/26	\$ 643,111.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 643,111.00
	Administrative			\$ 51,448.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,448.88
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Court			\$ 29,583.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,583.10
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Discretionary			\$ 88,749.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,749.32
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Law Enforcement			\$ 147,915.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,915.53
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Prosecution			\$ 147,915.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,915.53
2022	Violence Against Women STOP Formula Grant (VAWA)	15IOVW-22-GG-00456-STOP	07/01/22-12/31/25	\$ 635,657.00	\$ -	\$ 218,962.01	\$ 304,061.11	\$ 210,140.25	\$ 110,633.88
	Administrative			\$ 50,692.56	\$ -	\$ 12,129.65	\$ -	\$ 12,129.65	\$ 38,562.91
	Family Resource Center (Victim Services)			\$ 29,469.80	\$ -	\$ 8,194.48	\$ 21,275.32	\$ 8,194.48	\$ -
	Family Resource Center (Discretionary)			\$ 65,000.00	\$ -	\$ 29,244.45	\$ 35,755.55	\$ 20,422.69	\$ -
	Services)			\$ 177,464.45	\$ -	\$ 95,243.28	\$ 82,221.17	\$ 95,243.28	\$ -
	Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands (Court)			\$ 28,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021	Violence Against Women STOP Formula Grant (VAWA)	15IOVW-21-GG-00569-STOP	07/01/21 -12/31/25	\$ 638,046.00	\$ 75,640.25	\$ 358,046.48	\$ 177,577.62	\$ 406,991.17	\$ 26,381.65
	Administrative			\$ 19,141.38	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 11,650.25	\$ -	\$ 12,865.25	\$ 6,276.13
	Family Resource Center (Discretionary)			\$ 40,000.00	\$ 33,963.86	\$ 5,286.14	\$ 750.00	\$ 39,250.00	\$ -
	Family Resource Center, Inc (Law Enforcement)			\$ 46,100.00	\$ 21,879.71	\$ 2,931.08	\$ 21,289.21	\$ 24,810.79	\$ -
	Family Resource Center, Inc (Law Enforcement)			\$ (21,289.21)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (21,289.21)
	Family Resource Center, Inc (Victim Services)			\$ 145,530.20	\$ -	\$ 62,651.54	\$ 82,878.66	\$ 62,651.54	\$ -
	Legal Services of the Virgin Islands (Victim Services)			\$ 157,213.31	\$ -	\$ 145,928.97	\$ 11,284.34	\$ 145,928.97	\$ -
	Legal Services of the Virgin Islands (Victim Services)(Disobligation)			\$ (11,284.34)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,284.34)
	Men's Coalition of the Virgin Islands (Prosecution)			\$ 24,793.68	\$ 12,361.68	\$ 5,574.00	\$ 6,858.00	\$ 14,035.68	\$ -
	Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands (Court)			\$ 28,182.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,182.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Virgin Islands Police Department (Prosecution)			\$ 105,818.78	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 60,972.27	\$ 21,663.21	\$ 43,996.71	\$ 16,963.30
	Women's Coalition of St.Croix (Victim Services)			\$ 68,124.43	\$ -	\$ 63,452.23	\$ 4,672.20	\$ 63,452.23	\$ -
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Court			\$ 2,763.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,763.23
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Discretionary			\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Law Enforcement			\$ 21,289.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,289.21
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Prosecution			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Subgrantees to be Awarded - Victim Services			\$ 11,663.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,663.33
	Total VAWA Grant			\$ 2,356,787.00	\$ 75,640.25	\$ 577,408.49	\$ 481,638.73	\$ 617,131.42	\$ 1,422,099.33

2024	VOCA Victim Assistance Formula (VOCA)	15POVC-24-GG-00734-ASSI	10/01/23-09/30/27	\$ 733,124.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 733,124.00
	Administrative			\$ 36,656.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,656.20
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 696,467.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 696,467.80
2023	VOCA Victim Assistance Formula (VOCA)	15POVC-23-GG-00474-ASSI	10/01/22-09/30/26	\$ 914,015.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 914,015.00
	Administrative			\$ 45,700.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,700.75
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 868,314.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 868,314.25
2022	VOCA Victim Assistance Formula (VOCA)	15POVC-22-GG-00683-ASSI	10/01/21-09/30/25	\$ 944,159.00	\$ -	\$ 190,591.40	\$ 293,620.79	\$ 190,591.40	\$ 459,946.81
	Administrative			\$ 47,207.95	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 47,007.95
	Women's Coalition of St.Croix			\$ 484,012.19	\$ -	\$ 190,391.40	\$ 293,620.79	\$ 190,391.40	\$ -
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 412,938.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 412,938.86

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COMMISSION (LEPC)

FY 2026 LISTING OF FEDERAL GRANTS

Year	Grant Name	Grant Award Number	Grant Period	Amount	Previous Expenditures	2025 Expenditures	Encumbrances	Drawdowns	Balance as of 07/28/25
2021	VOCA Victim Assistance Formula (VOCA)	15POVC-21-GG-00603-ASSI	10/01/20 - 09/30/25	\$ 823,616.00	\$ 5,767.24	\$ 320,303.93	\$ 437,244.56	\$ 263,401.12	\$ 60,300.27
	Administrative			\$ 41,180.80	\$ 5,767.24	\$ 9,820.52	\$ -	\$ 9,308.24	\$ 25,593.04
	Family Resource Center, Inc			\$ 80,200.00	\$ -	\$ 54,315.27	\$ 25,884.73	\$ 54,315.27	\$ -
	Family Resource Center, Inc (Deobligation)			\$ (25,884.73)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25,884.73)
	Family Resource Center, Inc #2			\$ 415,000.00	\$ -	\$ 188,782.75	\$ 226,217.25	\$ 132,392.22	\$ -
	Legal Services of the Virgin Islands, Inc			\$ 252,327.97	\$ -	\$ 67,385.39	\$ 185,142.58	\$ 67,385.39	\$ -
	Subgrantees to be Awarded			\$ 60,591.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,591.96
Total VOCA Grant				\$ 3,414,914.00	\$ 5,767.24	\$ 510,895.33	\$ 730,865.35	\$ 453,992.52	\$ 2,167,386.08

Total Grants	\$ 12,540,073.00	\$ 304,249.64	\$ 1,502,189.68	\$ 2,008,009.02	\$ 1,534,168.62	\$ 8,725,624.66
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Supplemental Exhibits

Supplemental Exhibit 1 below is the current rental listing for LEPC.

Supplemental Exhibit 1

LEPC Rental Listing FY 2026			
Lessor	Address	Square Footage	Annual Rent
St. Thomas Properties, LLC	8000 Nisky Center Suite 720 St. Thomas, VI 00802	3,095	\$ 66,655.97
TOTAL			\$ 66,655.97

Supplemental Exhibit 2 below reflects FY 2026 contracts.

Supplemental Exhibit 2

Vendor	Type of Service	Contract No.	Annual Amount	Purpose
Virgin Islands Cleaning Services Enterprise, LLC	Janitorial	PO-22-001- 00101-337	\$ 9,870.00	Cleaning of office
TOTAL			\$ 9,870.00	

Supplemental Exhibit 3 below is a vehicle listing for LEPC.

Supplemental Exhibit 3

LEPC Vehicle Listing As of July 28, 2025				
Make	Model	Year	Assignee	Condition
Chevy	Traverse	2018	Director	Damaged
Chevy	Trailblazer	2023	Staff	Good
TOTAL				2

Supplemental Exhibit 4 below is a listing of outstanding obligations to vendors.

Supplemental Exhibit 4

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COMMISSION (LEPC) <u>OUTSTANDING VENDOR OBLIGATIONS</u>				
FISCAL YEAR	VENDOR	PERIOD	AMOUNT	ARRANGED PAYMENT PLAN
2023	Always from Scratch (Catering)		\$ 437.50	No
2023/2024	Department of Licensing and Consumers Affairs (Rent)	Jan 2023-Sept 2024	\$ 10,000.00	No
2024	St.Thomas Properties, LLC (Electricity)	Sept 2024	\$ 963.69	No
2024	Millennium Phone & Cable	06/01/25	\$ 775.00	No
2025	Moleto Smith (Reimbursement)	Dec 2024	\$ 44.13	No
2025	St.Thomas Properties, LLC (Rent)	Oct 2024-Aug 2025	\$ 57,033.04	No
2025	St.Thomas Properties, LLC (Electricity)	Oct 2024-Aug 2025	\$ 10,466.98	No
2025	VIYA	Oct 2024-Aug 2025	\$ 2,207.39	No
2025	Virgin Islands Cleaning Service Enterprise, LLC	Oct 2024-Aug 2025	\$ 6,975.00	No
2025	Chico's Distributing , Inc	10/01/24	\$ 45.00	No
TOTAL			\$ 88,947.73	

Closing Remarks

In closing, though the Legislature's action may have been well-intended regarding LEPC's FY 2025 Budget Appropriation, I strongly implore that the deleted Other Services funds be re-instated in the FY 2026 Budget Appropriation for LEPC.

As many may be aware, USDOJ had placed LEPC on 'High Risk' status in 2012 because of serious irregularities involving the oversight and use of federal grant funds to include the USDOJ mandating that the Territory reimburse almost \$1 million of unallowable costs that were paid by federal grant funds. Over the years, including under my stewardship, LEPC has made giant steps in removing that 'High Risk' status, as well as in ensuring that the relationship with USDOJ remains sound and transparent.

Maintaining this relationship by making sure that the Territory remains in compliance with USDOJ rules, regulations and special conditions pertaining to administering and managing of federal grants awarded through LEPC, are among the highest priority, particularly in light of the increased level of scrutiny by federal granting agencies on the use of federal funds.

I thank the diligent staff of LEPC for their extraordinary professionalism and competence in supporting initiatives that strengthen community safety. Additionally, I commend members of the Virgin Islands law enforcement and justice communities, as well as the community-based stakeholder organizations, for their dedication, commitment and ongoing efforts, despite the challenges. Special commendation to LEPC's 2025 Employee of the Year, Ms. Avril Charles. Her commitment and diligence have been important to LEPC.

Special thanks to the Office of the Governor, Department of Finance, and the Office of Management and Budget for their ongoing support. I am grateful to the Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance for providing this opportunity to appear on behalf of LEPC's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Request. This concludes my written testimony. I await any questions that may arise from the Committee.

- End of Testimony -