

BILL NO. 36-0371

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 21, 2026

An act appropriating funds from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands Department of Education, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, the Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027

PROPOSED BY: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.,
by Request of the Governor

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other law, the following sums are appropriated in the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027, from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Waste Management Authority to fund various festivals, the Office of the Governor to fund programs; the Department of Education for Interscholastic Competition; the Department of Public Works; the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation for promotion of sports, tourism, sports programs, and other related purposes and the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs for the Office of Cannabis Regulation; the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System for coverage of Division of Festival Parades territory wide; and the Department of Tourism to fund operating expenses, department maintenance, supplies, equipment and other related purposes.

1	6068 TOURISM ADVERTISING REVOLVING FUND	FY2027
2	620 VI WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	
3	TOTAL 620 VI WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	\$500,000
4	200 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	
5	TOTAL 200 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	\$300,000
6	400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
7	TOTAL 400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	\$500,000
8	610 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
9	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,000,000
10	TOTAL 610 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$1,000,000
11	830 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	
12	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500,000
13	TOTAL 830 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	\$500,000
14	840 DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, PARKS & RECREATION	
15	SPORTS TOURISM, SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS	\$500,000
16	TOTAL 840 DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, PARKS & RECREATIONS	\$500,000
17	380 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
18	OFFICE OF CANNABIS REGULATION	\$200,000
19	TOTAL 380 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & CONSUMER AFFAIRS	\$200,000
20	VIRGIN ISLANDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM	
21	COVERAGE OF DIVISION OF FESTIVAL PARADES TERRITORY	\$100,000
22	WIDE	
23	TOTAL VIRGIN ISLANDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM	\$100,000
24	920 DEPARTMENT OF TOURSIM	

1	PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$2,655,819
2	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$1,223,710
3	SUPPLIES	\$322,000
4	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	\$33,653,471
5	UTILITIES	\$145,000
6	GREETERS TERRITORY WIDE	\$1,000,000
7	NEW VEHICLES	\$350,000
8	TOTAL 920 DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM	\$39,350.000
9	CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERAL FUND	\$3,000,000
10	TOTAL 6068 TOURISM ADVERTISING REVOLVING FUND	\$45,950,000

11 **BILL SUMMARY**

12 This bill appropriates \$45,950,000 from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the
 13 Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands
 14 Department of Education, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands
 15 Department of Agriculture, the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, the
 16 Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Virgin Islands Public
 17 Broadcasting System, and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism during the fiscal year
 18 October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

19 **BR26-1270/BUDGET/September 17, 2026**