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VIRGIN ISLANDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System (WTJX), an independent autonomous governmental instrumentality with a federal tax exempts status was established by Act No. 2364 by the Seventh Legislature of the Virgin Islands on November 13, 1968. In December 2014, the system expanded operations to include a non-commercial radio station, WTJX-FM. The radio station provides news and information.

WTJX board consists of eleven (11) members. Presently, there is one (1) vacant position. The current Board members of WTJX are as follows:

Members	Positions
Kyza Callwood	Chairperson
Yvette deLaubanque	Vice Chairperson
Clifford Graham	Treasurer
Alvin D Burke, Jr.	Secretary
Dr. David Hall, Ph.D	Member
Dionne Wells-Hedrington	Member
Jose Raul Carrillo	Member
Osbert Potter	Member
Jenifer C. O'Neal	Member
Nathalie Hodge	Member
Tanya-Marie Singh	Executive Director
Member	Vacant

Some oversight duties are exercised by the VI Government's Executive and Legislative branches that appropriates and allots the majority of the funds necessary for the operation of the WTJX. WTJX is also eligible for funds from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), which is a private corporation created by the Federal government. WTJX operates as a non-profit Public Broadcasting System (PBS) station and is a member of the American Public Television System (APTS). As a PBS affiliate, WTJX is also linked to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and is regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

WTJX's mission is "to partner with individuals, foundations, corporations, and Government Agencies to develop community engagement projects designed to enhance the quality of life for everyone in the Virgin Islands".

In 2005, four (4) digital channels were launched on Innovative Cable TV and in 2007 Channel 12 and its digital simulcast station Channel 90 began to air twenty-four (24) hours a day. The other three (3) stations are: Channel 91 – the PBS Kids Channel, Channel 92 – the Signature Channel, and Channel 93 – the Educational Channel. Due to the poor reception, the viewers in St. Croix experienced, in 2006, WTJX decided to erect a 250-foot Communications Tower in an effort to provide better audio and visual effects. WTJX is classified as the only Public Television Station with a responsibility to provide continuous coverage through-out the territory and beyond.

FY 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Governor has recommended a General Fund lump sum from the Miscellaneous Section of the budget for FY 2024 in the amount of **\$4,431,902**. WTJX is requesting a budget of **\$4,431,902** for FY 2024. This is line with the Governor's FY 2024 General Fund lump sum recommendation of **\$4,431,902**. An overview of WTJX's Financial Summary (FY 2022 – FY 2024) according to the FY 2024 Executive Budget Book is listed in *Exhibit I*.

Exhibit I

Description	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Revised Budget	FY 2024 Recommendation	Variance 2024-2023
Miscellaneous	\$4,431,902	\$4,431,902	\$4,431,902	-
	4,431,902	\$4,431,902	\$4,431,902	-

FY 2024 AND FY 2023 BUDGET COMPARISON

WTJX is requesting an amount of \$4,431,902 for FY 2024. This is in line with the Governor's FY 2024 General Fund lump sum recommendation of \$4,431,902.

Exhibit II displays a comparison of the FY 2024 and FY 2023 WTJX requests and Governor's Recommendations.

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2023 Request \$4,401,902

2023 Governor's Recommendation \$4,431,902

2024 Request \$4,431,902

2024 Governor's Recommendation \$4,431,902

Exhibit II

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Exhibit III displays an expenditure summary *reported by WTJX, FY* 2022 actual, Year to Date (Oct 1, 2022- March 31, 2023) and FY 2024 projection.

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Exhibit III

Accounts	FY 2022 Actual	Year to Date Oct 1, 2022- March 31, 2023	FY 2024 Projection	
Personnel Services	\$ 1,947,982	\$ 938,142	\$ 2,640,037	
Fringe Benefits	865,852	411,185	1,175,204	
Supplies	202,801	215,467	60,000	
Other Services and Charges	845,658	471,263	554,561	
Utilities	61,017	34,182	2,100	
Capital Outlays	362,967	-	ı	
Totals	\$ 4,286,277	\$ 2,070,239	\$ 4,431,902	

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Exhibit IV displays the detailed expenditures *reported by WTJX*, FY 2022 actual, Year to Date (Oct 1, 2022- March 31, 2023), and FY 2024 projection.

Exhibit IV

Exhibit IV						
Accounts	FY 2022 Actual	Year to Date Oct 1, 2022- March 31, 2023	FY 2024 Projection			
Personnel Services						
Classified Employees Salaries	\$ 533,376	\$ 266,750	\$ 665,258			
Unclassified Employees' Salaries	1,333,732	642,080	1,941,230			
Temp/Part Time Salaries	-	2,024	13,549			
Overtime Salaries	29,214	19,763	10,000			
Lump Sum Payments	41,893	3,876	ı			
All Other	9,767	3,650	10,000			
Total Personnel Services	1,947,982	938,142	2,640,037			
Fringe Benefits						
Employer Contr. Retirement	401,945	181,470	534,881			
FICA	146,589	71,436	200,309			
Medicare	-	-	-			
Health Insurance Premium	315,818	155,637	436,440			
Workers Comp. Premiums	1,500	2,643	3,574			
Total Fringe Benefits	865,852	411,185	1,175,204			
Supplies						
Office Supplies	156,473	71,380	40,000			
Operating Supplies	-	-	-			
Small Tool/ Minor Equipment	46,327	144,087	20,000			
Total Supplies	202,801	215,467	60,000			
Other Services and Charges		·				
Professional Services	118,476	73,322	104,348			
Communication	124,688	64,259	130,000			
Travel	55,512	61,747	30,000			
Advertising and Promotion	41,938	10,681	20,000			
Insurance	-	531	-			

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Accounts	FY 2022 Actual	Year to Date Oct 1, 2022- March 31, 2023	FY 2024 Projection
Repairs and Maintenance	134,085	56,343	80,000
Rental – Land/Building	54,148	20,696	25,213
Rental – Machine/ Equipment	-	1	-
Training	33,408	13,596	25,000
Membership, Dues, Subscription	87,825	41,141	38,000
Security	15,363	11,583	12,000
All Other Charges	180,217	117,364	90,000
Total Other Services and Chgs	845,658	471,263	554,561
Utility Services			
Electricity	58,888	33,616	-
Cable TV	2,071	566	1,600
Water	59	1	500
Total Utility Services	61,017	34,182	2,100
Capital Outlay			
Machinery & Equipment	121,652	-	-
Vehicles	44,000	1	-
Building	57,464	-	-
Hurricane Irma/Maria Replacement	139,851	-	-
Total Capital Outlay	362,967	-	-
Totals	\$ 4,286,277	\$ 2,070,239	\$ 4,431,902

ALL OTHER CHARGES- BREAKDOWN

Exhibit V displays a detailed breakdown of all other charges, - FY 2022 actual, Year to Date (Oct 1, 2022- March 31, 2023), and FY 2024 projection.

Exhibit V

Accounts	Year to Date FY 2022 Oct 1, 2022- Actual March 31, 2023		FY 2024 Projection	
Production & Programming	\$ 75,491	\$ 47,138	\$ 20,000	
Vehicle Expenses	37,083	20,281	30,000	
Board Expenses	10,125	4,718	5,000	
Generator Expenses	11,252	8,137	8,000	
Fees	29,437	13,627	20,000	
Donations	1	5,150	-	
Meals	14,982	18,195	5,000	
Community Engagement	1	-	1	
Settlement Expense	ı	ı	ı	
Other Miscellaneous	1,846	119	2,000	
Totals All Other Charges	\$ 180,217	\$ 117,364	\$ 90,000	

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PERSONNEL SERVICES SUMMARY

WTJX's Personnel Services represents approximately **60%** of the overall budget. WTJX is requesting a budget of **\$2,640,037** for the FY 2024 Personnel Services. *Exhibit VI* displays a personnel summary for WTJX. A complete listing can be viewed in *Appendices I & II*.

Exhibit VI

Accounts	FY 2022 Actual	Year to Date Oct 1, 2022, March 31, 2023	FY 2024 Projection
Classified Employees	\$ 533,376	\$ 266,750	\$ 665,258
Unclassified Employees	1,333,732	642,080	1,941,230
Temp/Part Time Salaries	-	2,024	13,549
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Totals	\$1,947,982	\$ 938,142	\$ 2,640,037

NB: WTJX personnel services comprise of two (2) funding sources: The General Fund and the CPB.

REAL PROPERTY LISTING

There is no real property being rented or leased by WTJX.

FEDERAL GRANTS

Exhibit VII displays a listing of the Federal Grants received.

Exhibit VII

Grant Type	Oct 1, 2021- Sept 30, 2022	Oct 1, 2022- Mar 31, 2023	Description
			Reimbursable grant from FCC –
Federal Communication			repack project Mountain Top
Commission (FCC)	\$ 1,584,370	\$ 58,730	location
Federal Emergency			Grant based on DR 4340/4335-
Management Agency			Hurricanes Irma/Maria 2017
(FEMA)	191,628	58,050	
			Grant awarded to WTJX for operations as a public television
			station. Final Amount of
Corporation for Public			\$310,491was disbursed in April
Broadcasting (CPB)	1,090,316	801,381	2023
Totals	\$ 2,866,313	\$ 918,161	

GOVERNMENT FUNDS

For FY 2023 WTJX received no grants from Government Funds.

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BANK ACCOUNTS

For FY 2023 WTJX managed and operated six (6) bank accounts namely: VIG Operating Account, The Emergency Maintenance account which was established to purchase capital project equipment, the Special Production account where donations and proceeds from fund raising activities are deposited, the Corporation for Public Broadcast 2008 (CPB), the payroll account for CPB employees, and the FCC Re- Packing Project Account and a FEMA account which was established to purchase equipment for rebuilding of 2017 hurricanes. A Certificate of Deposit was created for \$400,000. *Exhibit VIII* displays a summarized listing of transactions and balances for each account.

Exhibit VIII

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	Beginning			Ending
	Balance as at			Balance as of
Accounts	October 1, 2022	Deposits	Expenses	March 31, 2023
VIG Operating Account	\$3,476,065	\$955,106	\$(513,748)	\$3,917,423
1020-Emergency Maintenance	681,431	55,989	(50,065)	687,354
1030-Special Production	704,661	212,962	(227,896)	689,727
1091-CPB-2008	733,425	801,381	(332,866)	1,201,939
FCC Re- Packing Project	33,462	58,730	(92,192)	Closed 03/31/23
FEMA	198,316	-	(31,934)	166,383
1098-VIGCF-CD	\$ 332,440	\$ 83	\$ -	\$ 332,523

CONTRACT LISTING

Exhibit IX displays WTJX's contract listing for FY 2024. As of March 31, 2023, WTJX paid an amount of \$102,711 to the various contractors listed below.

Exhibit IX

Name	Description	Amount
Bailey Waste Management	Trash Removal	\$ 3,120
Bert Smith & Co	Audit Services	29,500
DSD Business Systems	Accounting Software	5,104
Foster Garvey	Legal Services- FCC	15,000
Luis Ible, Jr	Graphics Arts Design	18,000
Kessler, & Gehman Associates, Inc	Engineering Consultant	15,000
Myers Information Systems, Inc	Prolink	13,182
Office of Collective Bargaining	Union Negotiation	5,000
Omni Systems	Professional Services	5,520
Real Tech Exterminating	Exterminating Services	780
Rid O Pest	Exterminating Services	660
SBA Towers	Tower Space Rent	25,236
SmockLaw, P. C.	Legal Services	10,000
Trac Media Services	Professional Services	56,126
Unlimited Cooling	A/C Maintenance	9,000
VITAC	Closed Caption Services	27,000
Wilson Janitorial Services	Janitorial Services	13,500
Totals		\$ 251,728

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VEHICLE LISTING

Exhibit X displays WTJX's vehicle listing. WTJX possesses fifteen (15) vehicles in both districts. The maintenance cost is \$19,974 and gasoline charges are \$17,109 as of March 31, 2023.

Exhibit X

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT							
Tag No.	Year	Make	Model		Condition	Maintenance	Gasoline
WTJX-1	2010	Chevy	Silverado		Poor	\$ -	\$ 657
WTJX-3	2018	Chevy	Equinox		Good	2,981	1,101
WTJX-7	2015	Mercedes	Sprinter 3500e	;	Good	5,742	-
WTJX-10	2018	Chevy	Equinox		Good	375	2,046
WTJX-11	2018	Chevy	Equinox		Good	504	1,454
WTJX-12	2018	Dodge	Grand Caravan	ì	Good	875	1,769
WTJX-19	2021	Chevy	Express Cargo V	an	Excellent	370	1,691
Totals				10,847		10,847	8,717
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Tag No.	Year	Make	Model	(Condition	Maintenance	Gasoline
WTJX-2	2003	Ford	F650 Van		Fair	3,237	_
WTJX-8	2008	GMC	Savana		Fair	583	928
WTJX-9	2010	Chevy	Exp 3500		Poor	-	-
WTJX-13	2018	Chevy	Silverado		Good	1,909	3,052
WTJX-14	2018	Chevy	Equinox		Good	1,833	1,851
WTJX-15	2013	Chevy	Captiva -Sport		Poor	1,432	1,077
WTJX-15	2022	Toyota	Highlander]	Excellent	-	1,140
WTJX-18	2021	Ford	F550 Truck]	Excellent	134	344
Totals						\$ 9,127	\$ 8,392

LEASES

Exhibit XI displays WTJX's current leases.

Exhibit XI

Lessee	Location	Purpose	Annual Rent	Term
	#36A-17, Estate St.	250 Foot	11muu Kent	Oct 01, 2020
Neptuno Media, Inc	Peter	Tower	\$ 20,145	-Sept 30, 2025
Caribbean Broadcasting	#36A-17, Estate St.	250 Foot		Oct 01, 2020
Network	Peter	Tower	14,759	-Sept 30, 2025
Exellis Inc.	#36A-17, Estate St.	250 Foot		Nov 15, 2018
	Peter	Tower	28,166	-Nov 14, 2023
Totals			\$63,070	

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RENTALS

Exhibit XII displays WTJX's current rentals.

Exhibit XII

		Square		Termination
Lessor	Location	Footage	Annual Rent	Date
Cossi Land Co. I.I.C.	#6812 Estate Smith			30 days
Cassi Land Co. LLC	Bay Suite 1B	N/A	\$ 7,680	Written Notice
Drima Stanga Ina	#9160 Estate Thomas			30 days
Prime Storage Inc	#9100 Estate Thomas	N/A	9,900	Date 30 days Written Notice
St. Thomas Liquor Co.	#9719 Estate Thomas			180 days
LLC	6H New Quarter	4,000	254 ,852	Written Notice
Totals			\$272,432	

OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

Exhibit XIII displays a listing of the outstanding vendors

Exhibit XIII

Vendors	Current
AT&T	\$355
Bailey Waste Management	265
Big A Service Station	520
Blue Mountain Water	99
Buccanner Hotel	1,200
Cape Air	113
CyberSource Corp	170
DHL Express	25
Forever Flowers	265
Fresh Start Cleaning Services	750
Gentlemen of Jones	3,800
Kessler, Gehman Associates	775
KJ Landscaping	7,225
Luis Ible Jr.	1,500
Neville James	3,200
Dep of Property & Procurement	2,518
S&F Unlimited	160
Smocks Law PC	3,332
Sparks Inc	150
Supply Resources Inc	67
Surtep Enterprises	678
Trac Media Services	10,587
VI Dept of Labor	25
VITAC Corporation	7,150
Wilson Janitorial Services	1,125
Totals	\$46,054

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POST AUDIT COMMENTS

The Governor has recommended a General Fund lump sum from the Miscellaneous Section of the budget for FY 2024 in the amount of **\$4,431,902**. As of June 08, 2023, WTJX has received **\$3,301,294** in allotments.

Vincent J. Samuel

Post Auditor

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APPENDIX I Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System 2024 Full-Time Personnel Listing

Position Title	Classification	Status	Location	Source	Salary
Accountant	Classified	Full-Time	STT	Gov't	\$ 49,352
Assistant Director/Engineer	Unclassified	Full -Time	STT/MT	Gov't	71,369
Broadcast Technician I	Classified	Vacant	STT/MT	Gov't	33,873
Broadcast Technician III	Classified	Full -Time	STT/MT	Gov't	56,432
Broadcast Technician III	Classified	Full- Time	STT/MT	Gov't	56,432
Chief Executive Officer	Unclassified	Full -Time	STX	Gov't	140,000
Chief Financial Officer	Unclassified	Full-Time	STT/HP	Gov't	91,052
Chief Operating Officer	Unclassified	Vacant	STT/HP	Gov't	120,000
COO Special Assistant	Unclassified	Vacant	STT	Gov't	47,213
Crew Chief	Classified	Full -Time	STX	CPB	58,220
Development Special Assistant	Unclassified	Vacant	STT/HP	Gov't	46,062
Director of Dev/ Fundraising	Unclassified	Full -Time	STT	Gov't	81,470
Director of Engineering	Unclassified	Full-Time	STT/MT	Gov't	96,408
Director of New Media	Unclassified	Full -Time	STX	Gov't	71,369
Director of Radio Operations	Unclassified	Full - Time	STX	Gov't	81,470
Disaster Recovery Specialist	Unclassified	Full - Time	STT/HP	CPB	71,770
Executive Assistant	Unclassified	Full - Time	STX	Gov't	66,428
Facilities Coordinator	Unclassified	Full- Time	STT	Gov't	50,627
Facilities Coordinator	Unclassified	Full -Time	STX	Gov't	53,560
Graphic Artist II	Classified	Full -Time	STT/HP	CPB	49,352
Human Resources Manager	Unclassified	Full-Time	STT/HP	Gov't	85,000
Interstitial Producer	Unclassified	Vacant	STT/HP	Gov't	60,000
Marketing Director	Unclassified	Full -Time	STX	Gov't	76,000
Producer	Unclassified	Vacant	STX	Gov't	53,560
Production Engineer	Classified	Full-Time	STX	CPB	56,032
Production Engineer	Classified	Vacant	STT	CPB	56,032
Production Manager	Unclassified	Filled	STT/HP	Gov't	81,251
Production Supervisor	Unclassified	Full -Time	STT/HP	Gov't	69,628
Production Supervisor	Unclassified	Full -Time	STX	Gov't	69,628
Production Technician I	Classified	Full -Time	STX	CPB	38,413
Production Technician II	Classified	Full -Time	STX	CPB	42,224
Production Technician II	Classified	Full -Time	STX	CPB	42,224
Production Technician II	Classified	Full -Time	STT	CPB	42,224
Production Technician II	Classified	Full -Time	STT	Gov't	42,224
Production Technician II	Classified	Full -Time	STT	Gov't	42,224
Programming Manager	Unclassified	Full -Time	STT	Gov't	71,369
Radio News Reporter	Unclassified	Full -Time	STX	Gov't	70,000
Senior Financial Officer	Unclassified	Full -Time	STT	Gov't	71,369
Senior Producer	Unclassified	Full -Time	STT	Gov't	75,000
Technology Systems Officer	Unclassified	Full - Time	STT	Gov't	69,628
Totals					\$ 2,606,489

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APPENDIX II

Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System 2024 Part-Time Personnel Listing

Position Title	Classification	Status	Location	Source	Rate
Broadcast Technician I	Classified	Part Time	STT/MT	CPB	\$ 13,549
Production Engineer	On Callers	On Call	STX	CPB	2,550
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STT/HP	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STT/HP	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STT/HP	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STT/HP	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STT/HP	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STT/HP	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STT/HP	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STX	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STX	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STX	CPB	1,950
Technical Assistant I	On Callers	On Call	STX	CPB	1,950

APPENDIX III

Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System 2024 Vacancy Listing

Position	Status	Source	Salary
Broadcast Technician I	Full- Time	Gov't	\$33,873
Chief Operating Officer	Full- Time	Gov't	120,000
COO Special Assistant	Full- Time	Gov't	47,213
Development Special Assistant	Full- Time	Gov't	46,062
Interstitial Producer	Full- Time	Gov't	60,000
Producer	Full- Time	Gov't	53,560
Production Engineer	Full- Time	Gov't	56,032
Totals			\$416,740