

# Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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**MEMORANDUM:** 

**TO:** Honorable Donna A. Frett-Gregory

Chairperson,

Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**FROM:** Post Audit Division

**SUBJECT:** Lease Agreement

**LESSOR:** Department of Property & Procurement

**LESSEE:** Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

**PREMISES:** Plot No. B Lagoon Street Complex, Frederiksted Town, West End

Quarter, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, consisting of two (2) two-story buildings consisting collectively of 32,604 U.S. sq. ft., residing on 27.731.1 U.S. sq. ft. or 0.6366 U.S. acre of improved

land more-or-less.

**TERM:** Fifteen (15) year period, with an option to renew for two (2) five (5)

year periods. Initial lease term commences on the first day of the month following approval by the Legislature and the Governor of

the Virgin Islands.

**PURPOSE:** The property will be used operate a CDBG-DR Program and for

other related purposes.

LEASE SUMMARY

**BACKGROUND:** Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority is a semi-autonomous

agency within the Government of the Virgin Islands. This proposed lease agreement will allow the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority to operate a CDBG-DR Program. Attached in Appendix I

are pictures of the property for lease.

#### **PAYMENT TERMS**

\$12.00 per annum payable in equal monthly installments of \$1.00 due on the first day of each month during the term thereof.

#### **IMPROVEMENTS**

Lessee shall not erect any improvements on the Premises or alter the Premises in any way without the prior written consent in each-and-every case from the Commissioner of Property and Procurement; in addition to whatever other licenses or permits are deemed necessary.

Lessee agrees to keep the said Premises and appurtenances as repaired, in a clean and tenantable condition, and to return said Premises to Lessor upon the expiration or other termination of this Lease, in as good condition as it was since the last repairs were made, less reasonable wear and tear from intervening use.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A thorough explanation of the following can be found in the lease document:

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#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROVALS**

Signee	Title	Department	Date of Signature
Lisa M. Alejandro	Commissioner	Department of Property & Procurement	11/6/2023
Jessica McKenney	Assistant Attorney General	Department of Justice	11/16/2023
Albert Bryan, Jr.	Governor	Office of the Governor	12/14/2023

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Department of Property and Procurement has entered into a lease agreement with the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority whose purpose is to operate a CDBG-DR Program and for other related purposes. The terms and conditions of the lease are consistent with other leases issued by the Department of Property and Procurement. Therefore, the Post Audit Division recommends approval of this Lease between the Department of Property and Procurement and the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority.

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### APPENDIX I

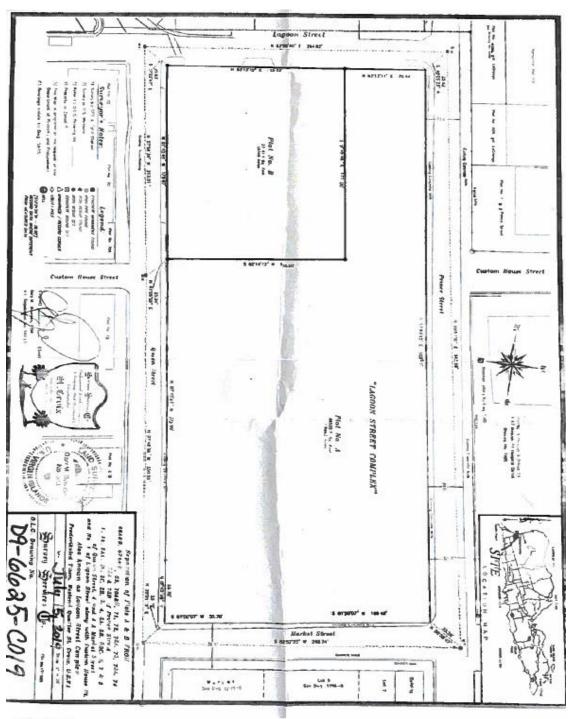


EXHIBIT A

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## EXHIBIT B. PLOT NO. B LAGOON STREET FREDERIKSTED, ST CROIX



## **EXHIBIT B**



#### MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT

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