

**BILL NO. 35-0353**

**Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**September 23, 2024**

An Act appropriating \$38,801,293 for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands and for other purposes in the fiscal year October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Donna A. Frett-Gregory  
and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

**SECTION 1.** The sum of \$29, 100,958, or as much as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to be transferred to the University of the Virgin Islands Fund for expenditure by the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 for the purposes hereinafter named in this section in accordance with the provisions of title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapters 33 and 35.

(a) For salaries, including pay for regular and temporary employees; salary increases; employer's FICA and retirement contributions; overtime compensation of hourly rated employees; employee health insurance increase books, magazines, teaching materials and audio-visual supplies; equipment and supplies for offices, classrooms, laboratories, library, student and faculty lodging; recreational and common rooms; dormitories; repair, improvement and maintenance of the University campus and its buildings and other appurtenances;

1 contracted, outside services, such as legal, architectural, auditing and printing services; and  
2 payment of other legitimate expenses of the University, including principal and interest of  
3 bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapters 33  
4 and 35.

5 (b) For incidental expenses including travel expense and per diem of University  
6 faculty, administrative and other employees, and members of advisory councils, boards and  
7 overseers; family travel and moving expenses from other points of the Virgin Islands for new  
8 staff members; and for the expenses of such conference and workshops as may be approved by  
9 the Board of Trustees.

10 **SECTION 2.** To supplement the sums appropriated by this act, the Board of Trustees  
11 may levy such fees for tuition, housing, food services, and the use of university-owned  
12 buildings as may be reasonable and proper, devoting such fee income solely to the purposes  
13 specified subsections (a) and (b) of section 1 of this act. The Board of Trustees may continue  
14 to make every effort to secure gifts, grants and loans to the University of the Virgin Islands  
15 from private individuals, foundations, and federal government agencies and to utilize such gifts,  
16 grants, and loans for the purposes specified by the donor or lender.

17 **SECTION 3.** The sum of \$1,800,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
18 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
19 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the payment of debt service costs of the University  
20 of the Virgin Islands.

21 **SECTION 4.** The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
22 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
23 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, to provide matching grants for the Small Business  
24 Development Center pursuant to title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 474.

1           **SECTION 5.** The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
2 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
3 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for senior citizens' tuition, pursuant to title 17 Virgin  
4 Islands Code, chapter 33, section 475.

5           **SECTION 6.** The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
6 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
7 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, to the Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning  
8 (CELL) Program for vocational education programs.

9           **SECTION 7.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
10 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
11 ending September 30, 2025, for the Green Technology Program pursuant to Act No. 7222.

12           **SECTION 8.** The sum of \$355,901 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
13 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
14 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the University Bound Program, formerly the Upward  
15 Bound Program.

16           **SECTION 9.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
17 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
18 ending September 30, 2025, for the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program.

19           **SECTION 10.** The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
20 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
21 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the Academic and Cultural Awards Endowment.

22           **SECTION 11.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
23 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
24 ending September 30, 2025, for the Social Work Program Accreditation.

1           **SECTION 12.** The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
2 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
3 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the maintenance and security of John Brewer’s  
4 Beach.

5           **SECTION 13.** The sum of \$400,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
6 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
7 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing - St. Croix  
8 campus.

9           **SECTION 14.** The sum of \$150,470 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
10 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
11 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center.

12           **SECTION 15.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
13 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
14 ending September 30, 2025, for the Hospitality and Tourism Program.

15           **SECTION 16.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
16 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
17 ending September 30, 2025, for the Agricultural Science and Aquaculture Program.

18           **SECTION 17.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
19 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
20 ending September 30, 2025, for the Master’s Program in Social Work on the Albert A. Sheen  
21 campus.

22           **SECTION 18.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
23 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
24 ending September 30, 2025, for the Summer Bridge Program.

1           **SECTION 19.** The sum of \$110,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
2 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
3 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the Labor Force Scholarship.

4           **SECTION 20.** The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
5 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
6 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the Congressional Scholarship Program.

7           **SECTION 21.** The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
8 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
9 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the EPSCOR.

10           **SECTION 22.** The sum of \$27,500 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
11 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
12 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 for the Inclusive Early Childhood Education Program in  
13 the School of Education. Inclusive Early Childhood Education Program student majors and  
14 early care and education professionals will be engaged in a variety of professional development  
15 opportunities to enhance and supplement courses offered.

16           **SECTION 23.** The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
17 Treasury of Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
18 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the Office of Self-Determination & Constitutional  
19 Development.

20           **SECTION 24.** The sum of \$175,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
21 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
22 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the UVI Simulation Center Maintenance and  
23 Supplies.

1 **SECTION 25.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
 2 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
 3 ending September 30, 2025, for the UVI CELL Surveyor Program.

4 **SECTION 26.** The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
 5 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the  
 6 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, for the UVI CELL Appraisers Program.

7 **SECTION 27.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of  
 8 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year  
 9 ending September 30, 2025, for the Construction Manager Program.

10 **SECTION 28.** The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the  
 11 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025,  
 12 for the UVI Medical School Debt Service.

13	<b>0100 GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>
14	900 UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$34,994,829
15	TOTAL 900 UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$34,994,829
16	<b>TOTAL 0100 GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$34,994,829</b>

17 **BILL SUMMARY**

18 This bill appropriates \$34,994,829 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the  
 19 Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year  
 20 ending September 30, 2025.

21 **BR24-1308/BUDGET/September 18, 2024**