



FUND FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS (FFVI) FUNDING REPORT

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) was created in 1990 to serve both donors and non-profit organizations that want to ensure the highest quality of life for all Virgin Islanders. CFVI's mission is to enhance the well-being of children, youth and families throughout the Territory through capacity-building and grant-making.

From a founding gift of \$540,000 from Ambassador Henry L. Kimelman and Charlotte Kimelman, CFVI now manages a portfolio of \$15 million, with more than 100 named funds and programs committed to youth, education, early childhood, health, hurricane relief/recovery, the environment, and more!

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a longstanding history of serving the USVI community, CFVI was identified as a trusted vehicle for receiving and distributing funds to support hurricane relief, recovery, and renewal across the Territory.

CFVI is uniquely positioned as the only Territory-wide community foundation - offering donors, funders, and other stakeholders: intimate community knowledge, a history of collaborative partnerships, leadership, reputation, and accountability. The Community Foundation's audited financial statements and Form 990 (filed annually with the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service) are posted on CFVI's website.

Please visit www.cfvi.net for more information about the Foundation and its operations.

FUND FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

On September 8, 2017 - the day after landfall of Hurricane Irma on the island of St. Thomas - the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) announced the establishment of the Fund for the Virgin Islands (FFVI) to receive the generous contributions that were being sent to the US Virgin Islands in response to the devastation from the storm. Two weeks later, on September 21, a second Category-five storm, Hurricane Maria, also made landfall in the USVI, making the urgency of assistance for the humanitarian needs even more compelling.

Grantmaking from FFVI began less than 10 days after the fund's establishment, with \$250,000 awarded in Emergency Response Grants of \$25,000 each to trusted community organizations working in St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas. The challenges facing the USVI during this period of relief and re-building were complex and multifaceted. To maximize effectiveness in the role of grant-maker, CFVI engaged collaboratively to receive input from community members, local nonprofits, national and local experts, donors, government representatives, and others in order to ensure a comprehensive and strategic approach.

FFVI grew to be the largest hurricane-related fund at the Community Foundation, receiving more than \$8 million from more than 4,000 donors. With the sole purpose of gathering and distributing monies for critical needs in the U.S. Virgin Islands, more than 100 FFVI grants were awarded throughout the Territory, ranging in size from \$2,500 to \$370,000. In addition, 158 FFVI scholar-grants were made to Virgin Islands college and university students whose lives had been impacted by the storms.

By December 2018, all donations received - in total more than \$8 million - had been distributed to support relief and recovery projects and programs in the Territory. From the outset, it was the declared intention of the fund to serve as a temporary vehicle to meet critical and immediate needs in the USVI as a direct result of this unprecedented disaster. On December 7, 2018 - exactly 15 months after the landfall of Hurricane Irma - CFVI's Board of Directors authorized the official closing of the Fund for the Virgin Islands (FFVI).

"The Fund for the Virgin Islands was established as soon as the curfew was lifted the day following Hurricane Irma. CFVI Chairman George H.T. Dudley and I met among downed telephone poles, fallen trees, and hurricane debris to create this philanthropic vehicle for generous donors from the islands, the nation and around the world."

-Dee Baecher-Brown, CFVI President

Why was CFVI in a position to immediately help our Islands?



When the hurricanes hit the Virgin Islands in September 2017, CFVI was “storm ready!”

...with more than 25 years experience serving the USVI ... with sophisticated financial systems in place to receive donations and make grants ... with an extensive network of community organizations and partners throughout the Territory.

...thanks to relationships with CFVI Angels and donors throughout the USVI and beyond ... a professional committed staff ... and a volunteer Board of Directors made up of community leaders.

Over 4,000 donations were made to CFVI to fund FFVI...

From across the Territory, country and the world ... donations ranged from \$1 to \$1 million in response to the Virgin Islands need for aid ...

Donations were made using a variety of methods including check, wire transfers, PayPal, Facebook, employee contribution programs, and more! In addition, the dedicated website USVIrecovery.org was launched to direct monies to FFVI with assistance from Bloomberg Philanthropies, which worked with CFVI to encourage private fundraising for hurricane recovery efforts.

Donor Contributions

\$ 3,561,918

One America Appeal

One America Appeal was launched by all five living former American Presidents [Presidents Carter, Bush (41), Clinton, Bush (43), and Obama] to encourage their fellow citizens to assist those impacted by the 2017 hurricane season in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

CFVI is grateful to the 110,000 donors who contributed to One America Appeal!

\$500,000- \$999,999

Jim Beam Brands Co/Beam Suntory
Diageo North America Foundation, Inc.

Donor Contributions Continued



\$100,000 - \$499,999

Barnsley Fund
Baseball Industry Growth Fund, LLC
Bloomberg LP
Brian Loeb
H. Van Ameringen Foundation
The Rocking Moon Foundation, Inc.

\$50,000 - \$99,999

ActBlue Charities
Anonymous
Dolan Family Foundation
Island Foundation, Inc.
Jana R. & Eric Schreuder
National Basketball Association
Orrick Herrington and Sutcliffe LLP
Topa Properties and Insurance Group

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Austin Community Foundation
C. David Swindell & Gail F. Goodman
NBPA Foundation
Ocwen Mortgage Cares
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Salt Pond Holdings, LLC
The NYC Eastern Carib Relief Fund, Inc.
Time Warner Center
United Healthcare Services Inc.

Donor Contributions, continued

\$20,000 - \$24,999

Altisource Solutions
Taipei Economic & Cultural Office of MIA
The Baker Foundation
Strickling Family Fund

\$10,000 - \$19,999

Adam R. Bronfman Family Foundation
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Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough Foundation
Bryan Cave
Caswell F. Jr & Marie B. Holloway Foundation
Deloitte Services, LP
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Lotte and Felix Bilgrey Charitable
MBIA Foundation
Michael & Hannah Moore
Oppenheimer Charitable Fund
Paul Hastings Cares Foundation
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The Dallas Foundation
The Each Foundation
The Elsie P. Van Buren Foundation
The Thomas & Deborah Werner Fund
The William J.J. Gordon Family Foundation
William & Mary Lynn Raymer Lambert

Donor Contributions, continued



\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Anonymous
Anoop & Sangeeta Prasad
Appleby Charitable Lead Trust Peter APP
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MDC Foundation
Minnesota Community Foundation
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Richard Leff
Rutgers Presbyterian Church
Seattle Foundation
Singer Sternlied Family Fund
Sundial Fund
The Catalyst Foundation
The Gerrish H. Milliken Foundation
The Gray White Family Fund
Wolff Family Charitable Trust

\$1,000 - \$4,999

246 Gifts Given

\$500 - \$999

263 Gifts Given

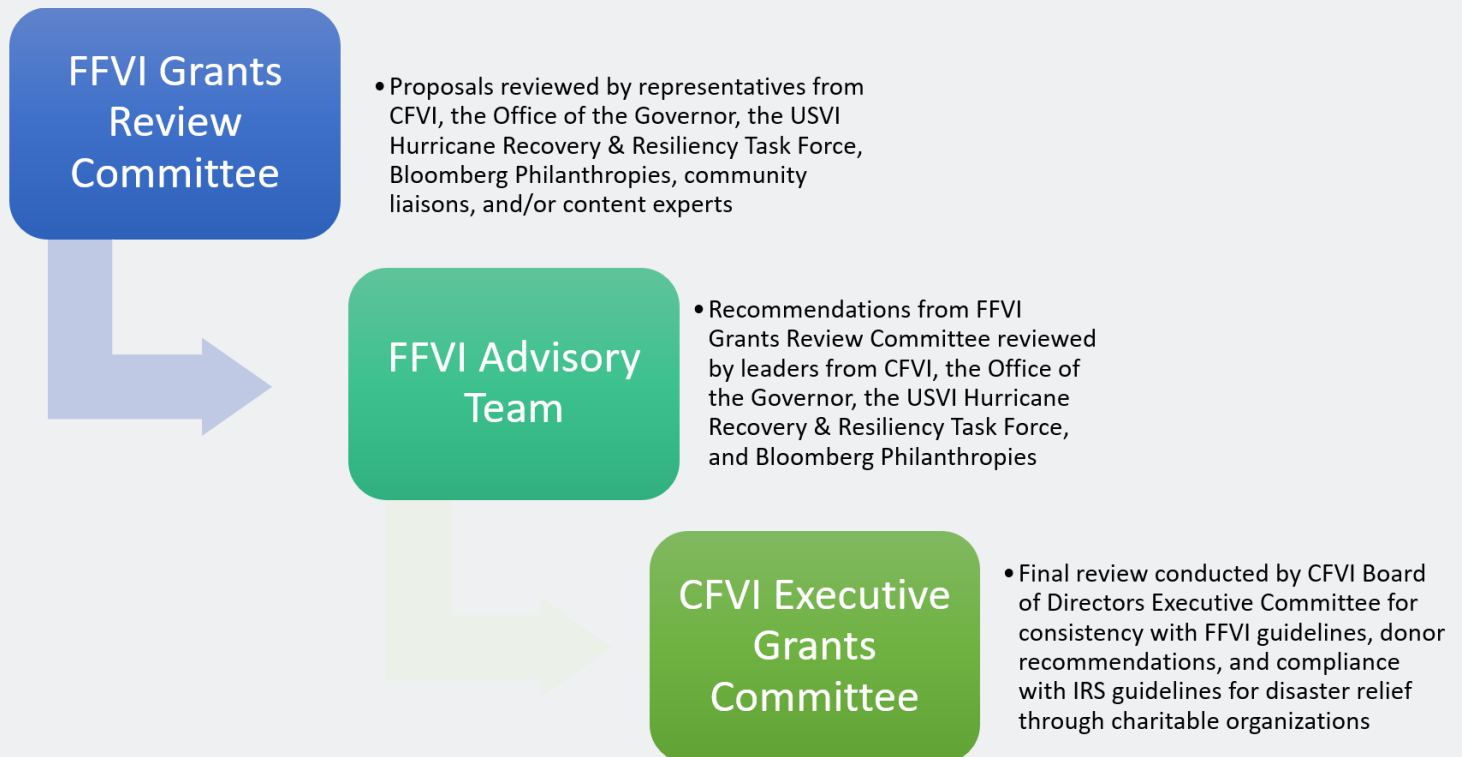
\$100 - \$499

751 Gifts Given

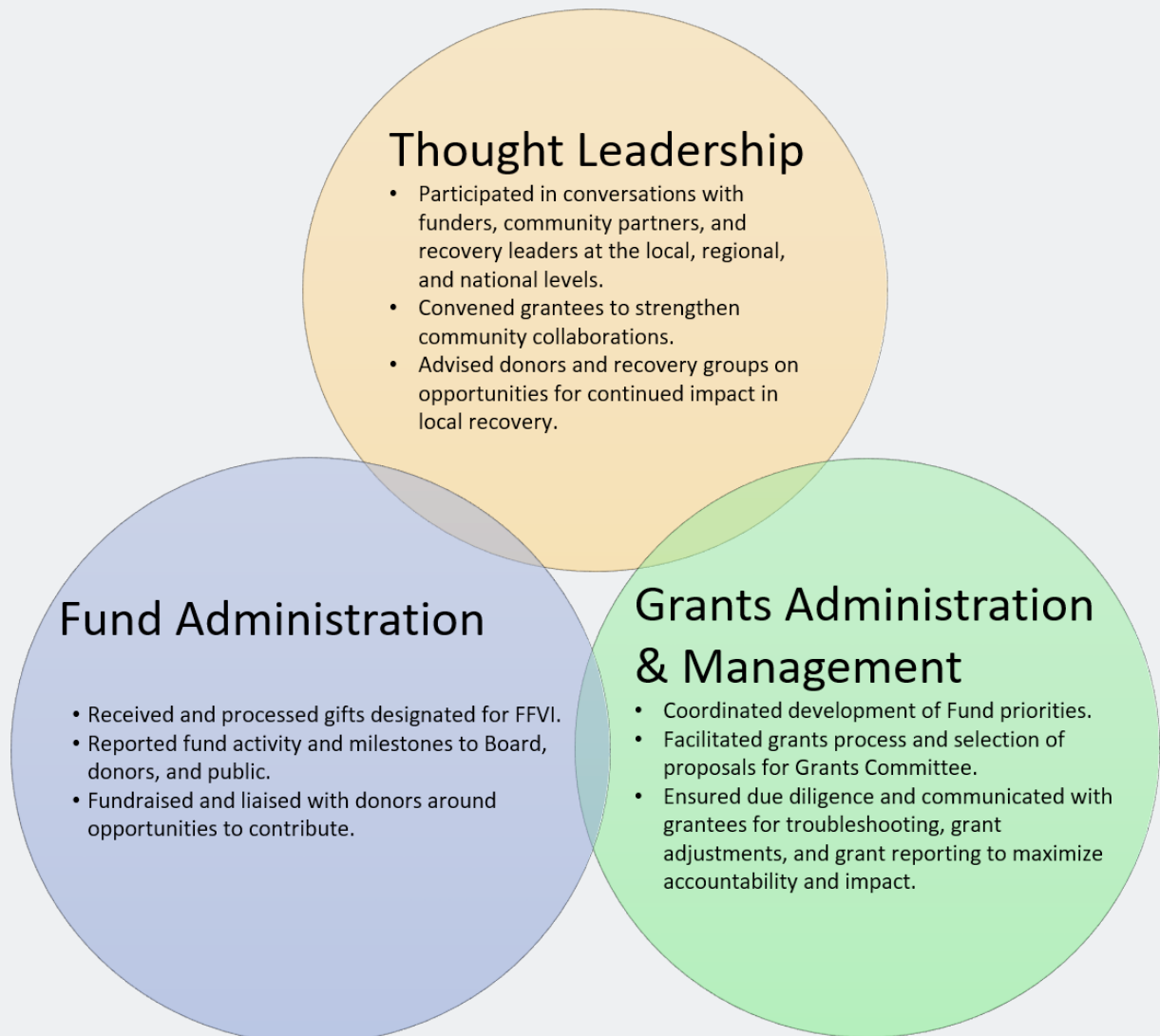
\$1 - \$99

2,667 Gifts Given

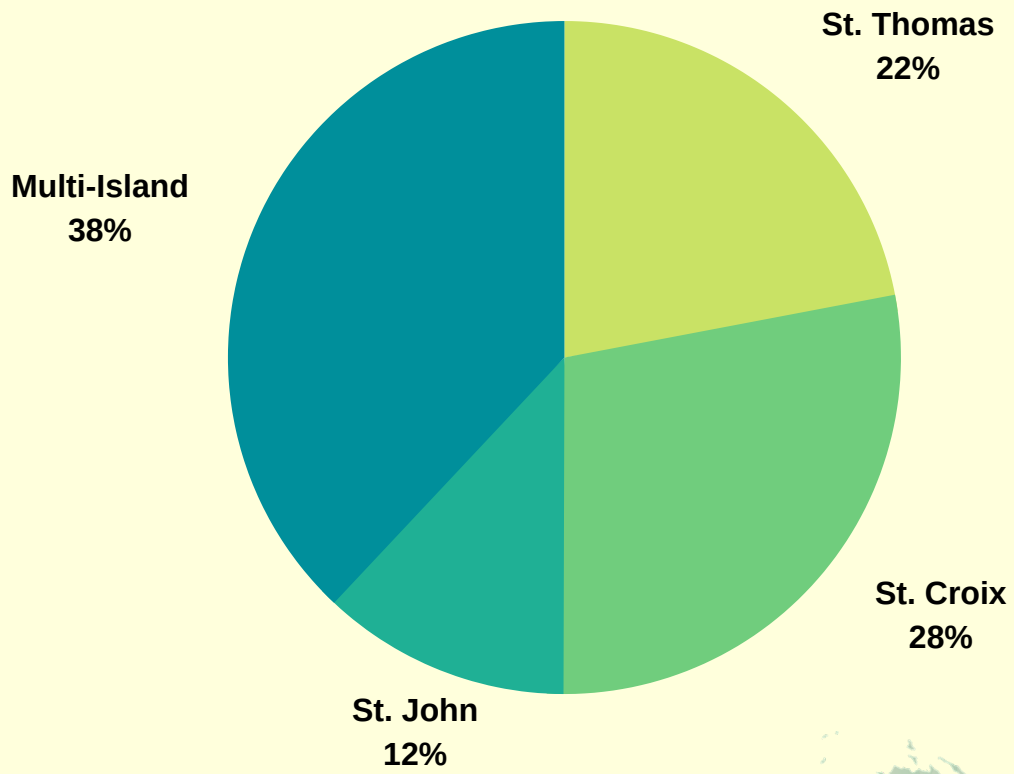
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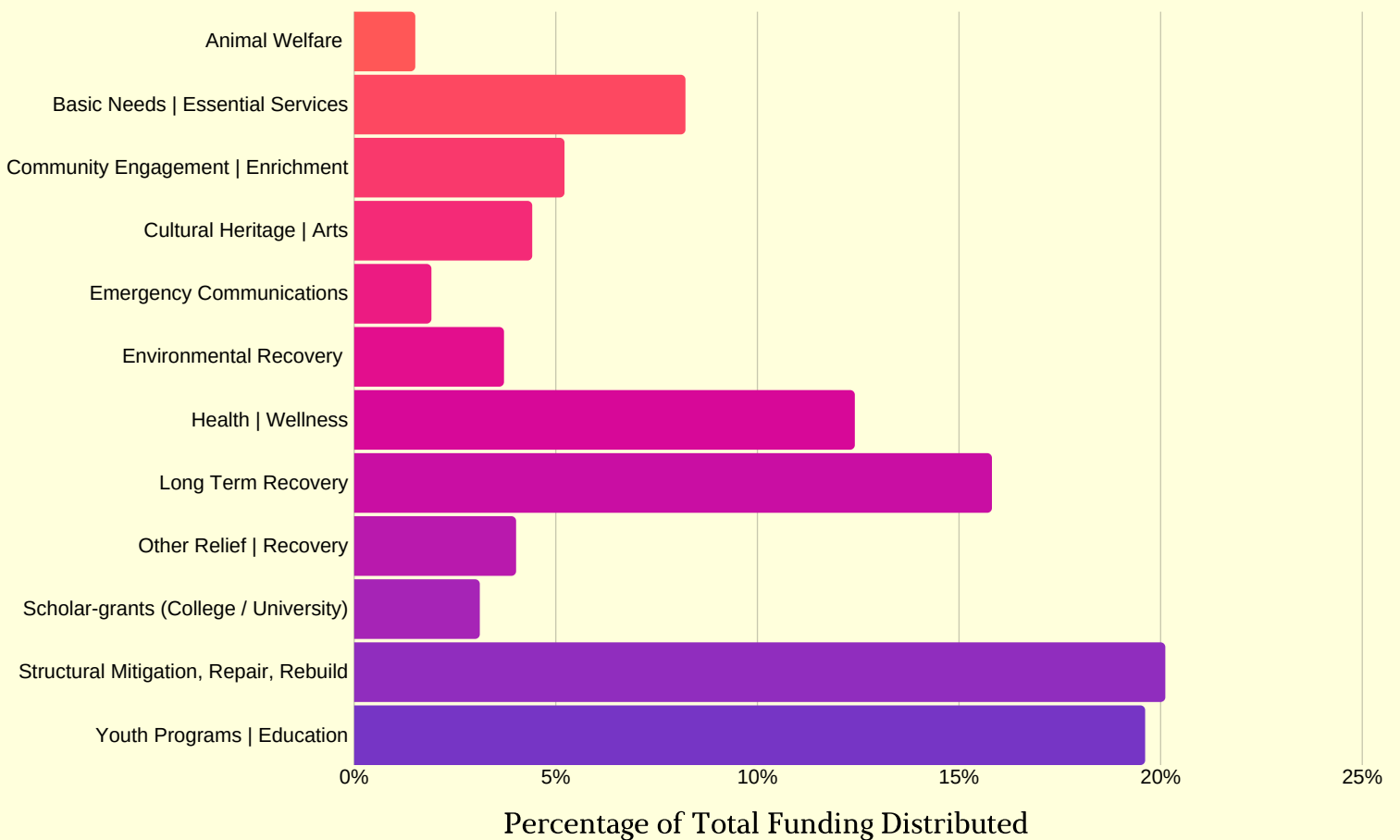
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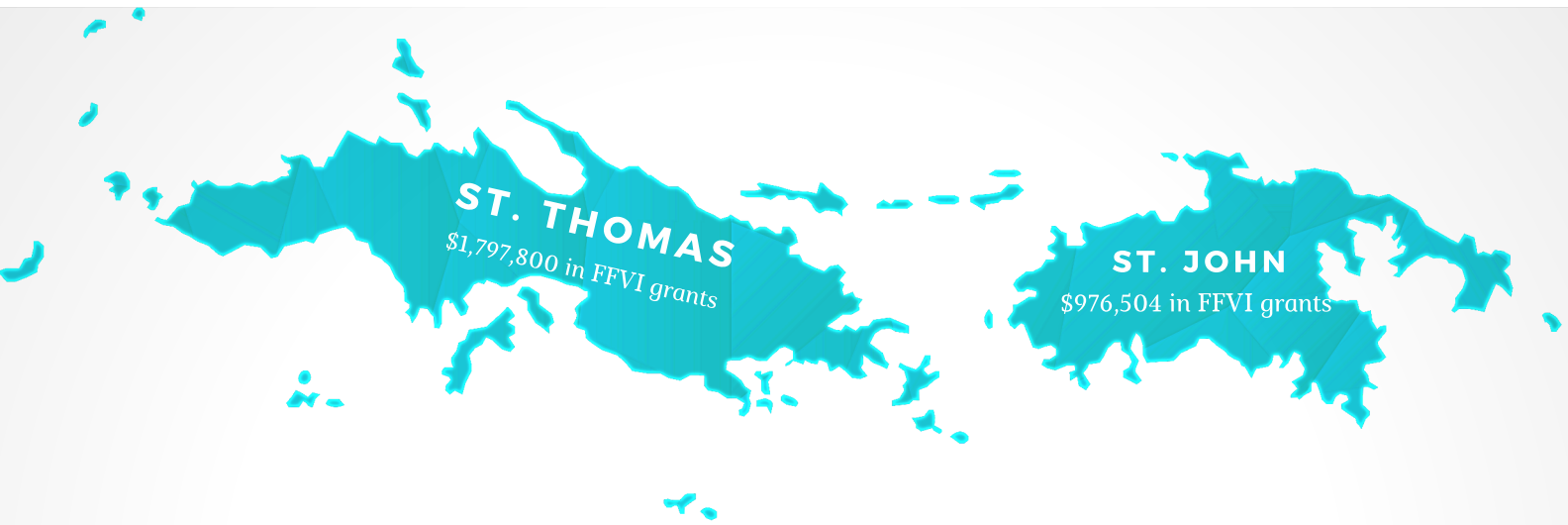
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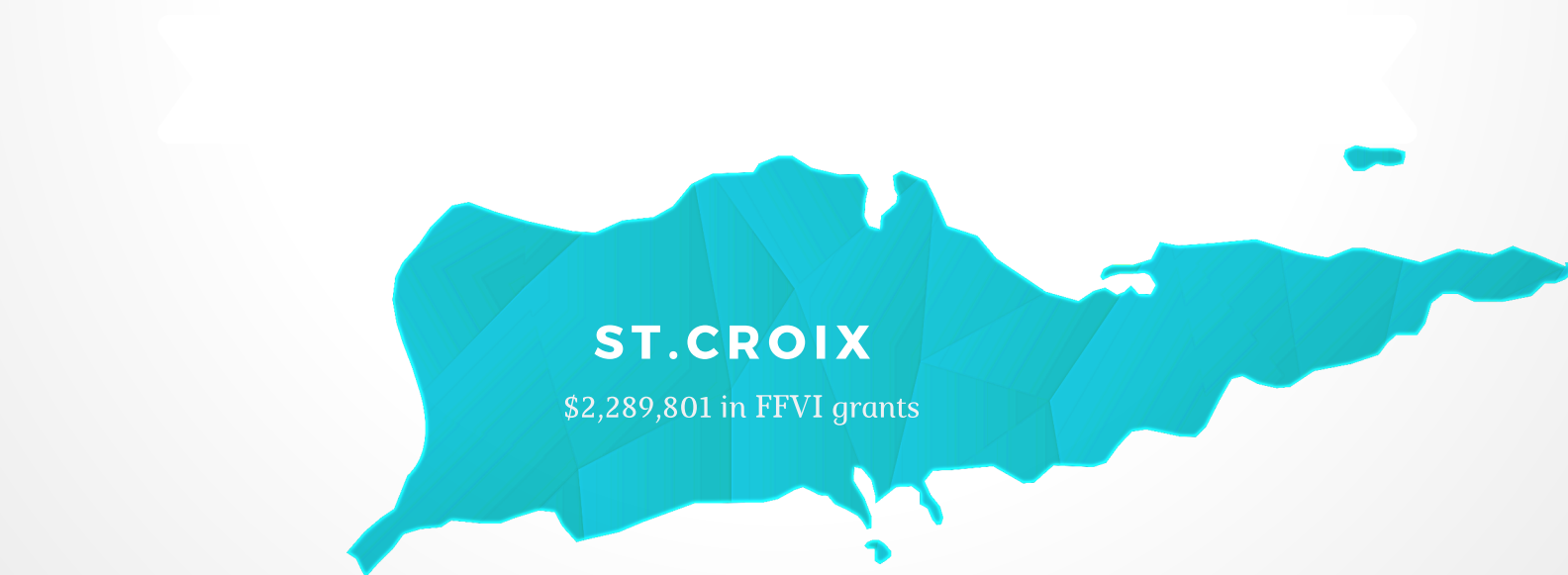
Fund Disbursement by Category



\$8.17 Million in FFVI Grants Awarded



UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS



MULTI-ISLAND:

\$3,106,559 in FFVI grants, supporting projects
operating on multiple islands

EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS

Grants of **\$25,000** each, made in in the immediate wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria to provide emergency funding to local nonprofit organizations based on their commitment to serving local communities; significant tangible relief efforts; knowledge and familiarity with community needs; and/or history of effective partnership/collaboration with the Foundation.

(September, November 2017)

St. John

* St. John Community Foundation * St. John Rescue * Episcopal Church of the VI / St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center * St. John School of the Arts * Animal Care Center of St. John * St. John Historical Society * St. John CommUNITY Long Term Recovery Group *

St. Thomas

* Family Resource Center * St. Thomas Rescue * My Brother's Workshop * Salvation Army of the USVI-STT * Virgin Islands Children's Museum * Queen Louise Home for the Aged * St. Thomas Historical Trust * Pistarckle Theater * Humane Society of St. Thomas * Boys & Girls Club - STT * Downtown Revitalization Inc. * Nana Baby Children's Home *

St. Croix

* My Brother's Table * Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands * Project Promise * Women's Coalition of St. Croix * St. Croix Montessori School/Music in Motion/VI Good Food Coalition * Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged * St. Croix Landmarks Society * Boys and Girls Clubs - STX * Caribbean Community Theater * St. Croix Rescue * St. Croix Animal Welfare Center * Christiansted Retail and Restaurant Association * Queen Louise Home for Children * Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism * Virgin Islands Volunteer Advocates for Children, Inc. *

Multi-Island

Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands * North Caribbean Conference of Seventh Day Adventist - Pathfinder Youth Society * United Way of the Virgin Islands

RESPONSE & RECOVERY GRANTS

Grants made to support a variety of projects, programs, and initiatives meeting critical needs, filling service gaps, and enhancing quality of life post-hurricanes, ranging from \$2,500 to \$334,000 (February, May, August, October, December 2018)

Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands

\$250,000

Disaster case management and support programs for vulnerable residents

Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center

\$197,000

NICU equipment and service enhancements

FFVI Scholarship Program

\$250,000

Scholar-grants for students entering/continuing college or graduate school who experienced financial hardship due to hurricanes

St. Croix Environmental Association

\$2,500

Repair of hurricane-damaged road for beach clean-up access and restoration

VI Council on the Arts

\$10,000

Expansion of Poetry Out Loud Program in schools

Christiansted Lighthouse Mission

\$10,000

Outreach services for homeless individuals and other at-risk populations

Children's Museum of St. Croix

\$50,000

Community-based children's programming

St. John Youth Club

\$15,000

Seed grant to establish Boys & Girls Club

Island Health & Wellness Center

\$100,000

Scale-up of access to high-quality, responsive, and accessible primary and preventive healthcare for residents in need

Queen Louise Home for Children

\$150,000

Supplies, programs, emergency needs for children in foster care

World Ocean School

\$250,000

Marine-based educational programming for public school students

University of the Virgin Islands

\$334,000

Marine vocational and outreach programming

John's Folly Learning Institute

\$10,000

Restoration of facilities for youth programming and community engagement

Sunshine Foundation

\$25,000

Purchase of supplies, equipment, materials; support for personnel to administer services and programming for animals in need

St. Croix Mission Outreach

\$10,000

Outreach services for homeless individuals and other at-risk populations

Response and Recovery - Continued

Coral Bay Community Council

\$25,000

Stormwater engineering and roadway drainage evaluation in the Coral Bay community

The Forum

\$25,000

Workshops and residency programs to enhance jazz and classical music education in public schools

Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism

\$20,921

Frederiksted restoration, ArtPlace America project support

St. Croix Majorettes

\$24,000

Youth programming and academic assistance

Reef Broadcasting, Inc.

\$25,000

facilitated critical exchange of emergency information between officials and the public

Methodist Training & Outreach Center

\$25,000

Emergency services and other support programs for homeless residents

United Jazz Foundation - VI Youth Ensemble & Artist in Residence Program

\$225,000

Music enrichment programming for public school students

Crucian Educational Non-profit, Inc.

\$10,000

facilitated critical exchange of emergency information between officials and the public

Lucky Paws Foundation

\$25,000

Animal care/rescue

Schneider Regional Medical Center Foundation

\$213,700

Purchase of priority hospital equipment

Caribbean Genealogy Library

\$25,000

Facility repairs, mold assessment/ mitigation, equipment/ material replacement

St. Croix Amateur Radio Club

\$27,150

Improvement of amateur radio repeater infrastructure to enhance emergency response

We Grow Food

\$25,000

Agricultural and community support; youth/family programming

Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts

\$37,000

Afterschool youth arts programming

American Federation of Teachers

\$29,060

Health (primarily vision/hearing) screenings of public school children across the Territory

Caledonia Communications Corporation

\$10,000

facilitated critical exchange of emergency information between officials and the public

St. Thomas Reformed Church @ Long Path Community Center

\$30,000

Youth programming for underserved children in downtown neighborhoods

Rotary Club of St. Thomas - East

\$10,000

Restoration of culinary training program at public high school

Ottley Communications Corporation

\$25,000

facilitated critical exchange of emergency information between officials and the public

Response and Recovery - Continued

St. John Community Foundation Programs

\$55,000

Various restoration and recovery projects

Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra

\$28,000

Support for youth steel pan program, including emergency maintenance and repairs

Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts

\$30,000

Summer youth arts programming

JKC

\$30,000

Facilitate critical exchange of emergency information between officials and the public

Dancing Classrooms VI

\$45,000

Dance-based youth development residency program for public school students

Beautiful Dreamers

\$220,000

Public school-based mental health research, training, and intervention

St. Thomas East End Medical Corporation

\$60,000

Case management services for low-income patients

Ackley Media Group

\$25,000

Facilitate critical exchange of emergency information between officials and the public

The Nature Conservancy

\$200,000

Coral reef mapping for restoration, conservation, mitigation efforts

My Brother's Marine Workshop

\$200,000

Marine-based education/training for at-risk youth

Legal Services of the Virgin Islands

\$100,000

Operation of Disaster Advocacy Program, providing disaster-related legal services

Rotary Club of St. Thomas

\$10,000

Partnering with SRMC to acquire critical medical equipment

Caribbean Volunteer Services

\$11,775

Training and public education/outreach for suicide prevention

Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands

\$100,000

Increasing solar power energy on the campus of the Queen Louise Home for Children

The Village - VI Partners in Recovery

\$115,000

Behavioral health services, particularly substance abuse treatment

KIDS COUNT / Caribbean Exploratory Research Center at University of the VI

\$100,000

Assessment of well-being, needs of children and families post-hurricanes

Virgin Islands Department of Education (Fund at CFVI)

\$300,000

Enrichment programming for students

Governor's Holiday Children's Parties

\$35,674

Holiday celebrations for children and families - gifts, refreshments, entertainment

Frederiksted Health Care Inc.

\$70,000

Emergency mold mitigation; expansion of dental services for low-income clients

LONG-TERM RECOVERY GRANTS

Grants focused on efforts supporting the transition
to long-term recovery

Lutheran Social Services of the VI - Disaster Response Initiative

St. Croix

\$371,230

Operation of a volunteer rebuilding program focused on most vulnerable residents

St. Croix Longterm Recovery Team

St. Croix

\$350,000

Capacity support for Year 1 operations providing/connecting direct
relief for residents

My Brother's Workshop

Multi-island

\$350,000

Long-term repairs focusing on homes needing most assistance since initial
mitigation work (youth training component included)

USVI Hurricane Recovery & Resiliency Task Force

Multi-island

\$350,000

Production of a planning document to guide reconstruction and resiliency efforts;
quantitative assessment of damage and future risks; set course for long-term
security and economic recovery

All Hands and Hearts - Smart Response

St. Thomas/St. John

\$300,000

Extending recovery work on St. Thomas and St. John; repair/rebuild projects

All Hands and Hearts - Smart Response

St. Thomas/St. John

\$242,000

Chainsaw/tree work, demolition, debris removal, muck & gut, mold sanitizing of
under-served/vulnerable residents

LONG-TERM RECOVERY GRANTS - CONTINUED

Love City Strong

St. John

\$228,504

Mold sanitization project for vulnerable residents; mold mitigation capacity-building

Disaster Recovery Support Initiative

St. Thomas

\$212,000

Consultation and mentoring to the St. Thomas LTRT over 6 – 8 months

St. John Longterm Recovery Team

St. John

\$190,000

Recovery Team Work Group projects and St. John VOAD Coordination

Love City Strong

St. John

\$150,000

Continuation of work repairing homes in St. John

Marine Rebuild Fund

Multi-island

\$100,000

Replacing mooring buoys damaged in hurricanes, adding new ones; improving marine resilience to storm effects

USVI Hurricane Recovery & Resiliency Task Force

Multi-island

\$96,050

Completing comprehensive report to guide rebuilding and resiliency efforts

St. Thomas Longterm Recovery Team

St. Thomas

\$70,100

Capacity support for Year 1 operations to enable STRT to provide/connect direct relief for residents

Education (scholarships)

The FFVI Scholar-grant Program was directed at students entering/continuing college or graduate school who experienced financial hardship due to hurricanes.

“After the hurricanes, I was worried about making ends meet for education expenses, but with this award I feel much more secure.”

- FFVI Scholar-grant Recipient

“I was concerned about how hurricanes Irma and Maria would affect my senior year in high school as well as my ability to attend college. Now that I have successfully completed high school... I intend to work diligently, to use your funding in pursuit of my academic goals, and to eventually give back to others interested in furthering their education.”

-FFVI Scholar-grant Recipient

Grantees that concentrated funding on:

LONG TERM RECOVERY



- Disaster Recovery Support Initiative
- St. Croix Long Term Recovery Team
- St. John Long Term Recovery Team
- St. Thomas Long Term Recovery Team
- USVI Hurricane Recovery & Resiliency Task Force

STRUCTURAL MITIGATION, REPAIR, RECOVERY



- All Hearts and Hands- Smart Response
- Love City Strong
- Lutheran Social Services
- My Brother's Workshop

Grantees that concentrated funding on

HEALTH|WELLNESS

- American Federation of Teachers
- Beautiful Dreamers
- Caribbean Volunteer Services
- Frederiksted Health Care Inc.
- Island Health & Wellness Center
- Juan F Luis Hospital & Medical Center
- Schneider Regional Medical Center Foundation
- St. Thomas East End Medical Corporation
- The Village - Virgin Islands Partners in Recovery



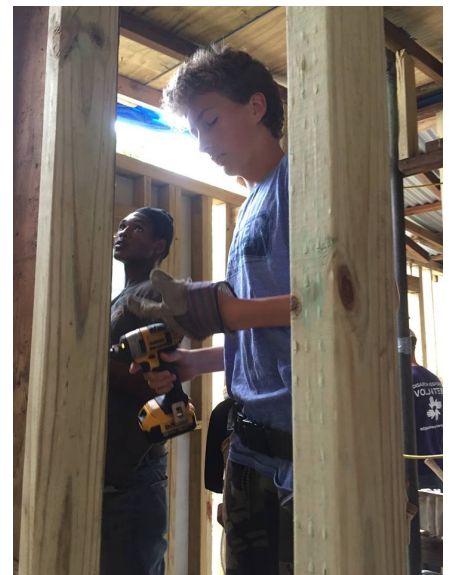
Grantees that concentrated funding on

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

- Ackley Media Group
- Caledonia Communications Corporation
- Crucian Educational Non-profit, Inc.
- JKC
- Ottley Communications Corporation
- Reef Broadcasting, Inc.
- St. Croix Amateur Radio Club

Grantees that concentrated funding on **BASIC NEEDS | ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

- Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands
- Christiansted Lighthouse Mission
- Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism (CHANT)
- Episcopal Church of the VI/ St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center
- Family Resource Center
- Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged
- Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands
- Methodist Training & Outreach Center
- My Brother's Table
- My Brother's Workshop
- Queen Louise Home for the Aged
- Salvation Army of the USVI - STT
- St. Croix Mission Outreach
- St. Croix Rescue
- St. John Rescue
- St. Thomas Rescue
- United Way of the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Women's Coalition of St. Croix



Grantees that concentrated funding on YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

- Boys & Girls Club St. Thomas
- Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Thomas
- Caribbean Community Theater
- Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts
- Children's Museum of St. Croix
- Dancing Classrooms VI
- Governor's Holiday Children's Parties
- John's Folly Learning Institute
- Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra
- Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands
- Music in Motion
- My Brother's Marine Workshop
- Nana Baby Children's Home
- North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventist/Pathfinder-Youth Society
- Pistarckle Theater
- Project Promise
- St. John School of the Arts
- St. John Youth Club
- St. Croix Majorettes
- St. Croix Montessori School
- St. Thomas Reformed Church @ Long Path Community Center
- Virgin Islands Volunteer Advocates for Children, Inc.
- Virgin Islands Children's Museum
- Virgin Islands Department of Education
- VI Good Food Coalition
- World Ocean School



Grantees that concentrated funding on **ENVIRONMENTAL RECOVERY**

- Marine Rebuild Fund
- St. Croix Environmental Association
- The Nature Conservancy



Grantees that concentrated funding on **ANIMAL WELFARE**



- Animal Care Center of St. John
- Humane Society of St. Thomas
- Lucky Paws Foundation
- St. Croix Animal Welfare Center
- Sunshine Foundation

Grantees that concentrated funding on **CULTURAL HERITAGE | ARTS**

- Caribbean Genealogy Library
- St. Croix Landmarks Society
- St. John Historical Society
- St. Thomas Historical Trust
- The Forum
- United Jazz Foundation - VI Youth Ensemble & Artist in Residence Program
- Virgin Islands Council on the Arts



Grantees that concentrated funding on **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | ENRICHMENT**

- Christiansted Retail & Restaurant Association
- Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism
- Downtown Revitalization Inc.
- Rotary Club of St. Thomas
- Rotary Club of St. Thomas - East
- University of the Virgin Islands



OTHER RELIEF / RECOVERY

- Coral Bay Community Council
- KIDS COUNT / Caribbean Exploratory Research Center
at University of the Virgin Islands
- Legal Services of the Virgin Islands
- St. John Community Foundation
- St. John Community Foundation Programs
- We Grow Food



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