

Awardee #	Grantee Name	Award Amount	Award Type	Project Title	Executive Summary
VI001	Mother Nature Farm	\$94,387.80	Equipment Only	Acquisition of a Refrigerated Cargo Van for Producers in the Bordeaux Farming Community	Mother Nature Farm seeks funding to purchase an All-Wheel drive cargo van to facilitate the transportation of agricultural products from farms in the Bordeaux farming community to customers in a wider geographical area. This initiative will increase the profitability of farms in Bordeaux while ensuring customers greater access to fresh locally grown produce.
VI002	Sejah Farm	\$334,628.00	Infrastructure	Sejah Farm of the Virgin Islands Produce Aggregation Hub for Local Producers	Sejah Farm of the Virgin Islands (Sejah Farm), established in 1998, is a partnership enterprise owned and operated by Dale and Yvette Browne. Located on Casper Holstein Drive, the farm is dedicated to producing high-quality local meats and vegetables to meet both local and off-island demands. Serving as a Local Food Hub, Sejah Farm also provides agricultural technical assistance offering seminars, training, education, and consultation to farmers and the broader community. Sejah Farm will develop a new custom state-of-the-art 40-foot Post-Harvest Unit facility for use by local producers and processors and will acquire a refrigerated delivery truck. The Post-Harvest Unit will be equipped with sinks, tables, lighting, and refrigeration to enable the efficient rinsing, grading, packaging, and standardization of produce. The refrigerated delivery truck will support the temperature-controlled transportation of freshly processed produce to local and regional markets. Additionally, the existing Sejah Farm Local Food Hub storage and cold storage system will be improved and expanded. The purpose of this project is to address significant gaps in post-harvest infrastructure within the Virgin Islands, equipping farmers with centralized and sanitary resources to prepare and distribute their crops. The project will enhance food safety, improve product quality and consistency, and increase the accessibility of locally grown produce into new and expanded markets. Key deliverables include the establishment of the Post-Harvest Unit, the integration and operation of the refrigerated delivery truck, and the implementation of operational protocols. Expected outcomes include improved supply chain efficiency, increased volume and quality of local produce, reduced reliance on imported goods, access to expanded and new markets, and enhanced resilience of the local food system to natural disasters and crises.
VI003	Ridge to Reef	\$488,596.00	Infrastructure	Ridge To Reef Territory-wide Produce and Value-Added Delivery Chain	This project will broaden the existing Ridge to Reef Farm (R2R) aggregation network for fresh produce and value-added farm products from dozens of farms and expand R2R's existing delivery chain to reach every US Virgin Island. It will link farms to a wider range of markets including farm-to-school contracts (bids were recently won for 2025-2026 school year), supermarkets, and restaurants. It will improve upon R2R's successful model of aggregation that has been operational since 2014 despite setbacks from 2017 hurricanes and the global pandemic. With partners in St. John (STJ) such as Gift Hill School's existing cooling facility use and Windward Logistics' deliveries, this project will benefit farmers by creating resilient market linkages between St. Croix (STX), St. Thomas (STT), and St. John (STJ) streamlined by the distribution platform GrownBy. Infrastructure investments (solar-powered aggregation center construction & driveway access improvements) and cooling equipment (refrigeration, mobile reefer pod) will add resiliency to the supply chain. Storage capacity increases will be greatly enhanced at five hub locations including R2R in Frederiksted, The VI Farmers Alliance facility in central STX, Eastern STX, Charlotte Amalie STT, and Gift Hill School on STJ. This will increase food access to thousands of citizens at schools and supermarkets. Contractual project expansion jobs will be created to aggregate, process, package, and deliver produce. Increased use of an underutilized professional dehydrator facility on St. Croix will value-add key crops such as mango, moringa, and chaya for economic benefits to the entire chain from farmers to wholesale buyers. See "Inter-island Delivery Chain.pdf."
VI004	UVI	\$85,242.75	Equipment Only	UVI Food Quality Monitoring for Mid Supply Chain Products	The University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) School of Agriculture (SOA) will purchase a suite of specialized quality monitoring equipment for post-harvest and value-added produce. This equipment would allow local and regional food producers to document the nutritional value and composition of agriculture products post-harvest and through the middle of the supply chain. The purchase would also allow local and regional farm producers to access equipment to monitor their value-added products and ensure compliance with local and federal food safety standards. By offering low-cost, non-profit analytics to middle-of-the-supply-chain agricultural product entrepreneurs and producers, the proposed suite of equipment will allow the UVI SOA to significantly boost local capacity and expand market access. This is a critical missing link in the USVI agriculture industry for middle-supply chain value-added product development, standardization, market expansion, and visibility in compliance with federal and territorial food safety requirements. In administering the benefits of the equipment, UVI will collaborate with local farmers and food-oriented organizations, as well as the USVI Department of Agriculture, to ensure shared operations and benefits. The equipment will help USVI farmers and value-added entrepreneurs document the quality of their agricultural products and comply with USDA and territorial quality standards. Quality authentication is essential for value-added product developers to adopt healthy practices that boost their participation and contributions to the USVI Territorial Agricultural Plan and the Vision 2040 targets. The target equipment automates workflows and optimizes conditions that eliminate human influence on results. This is critical for standardizing and enhancing the capacity of agricultural products originating in the territory, and for improving the capacity of agricultural-product entities to comply with federal, state, and local food safety requirements.
VI008	St Croix Farmers in Action	\$73,166.00	Equipment Only	Estate Bethlehem Fruit Pulp Value-Added Facility	St. Croix Farmers In Action will invest in the installation, maintenance, and operation of aseptic fruit puree processing equipment at the Estate Bethlehem warehouse. These improvements will support smallholder farmers by providing a reliable wholesale outlet for imperfect mangoes and other fruits that might otherwise go unsold. In partnership with Leatherback Brewery, which has committed to purchasing local fruit pulp, St. Croix Farmers In Action aims to create sustainable jobs, reduce food waste, and expand market access for local produce through value-added agricultural products. This initiative will strengthen the profitability of the island's farming community by developing wholesale markets specifically for blemished fruits. Looking ahead, SCFIA plans to market fruit pulp to the organic baby food sector, capitalizing on the growing demand for natural, island-grown, purees and pulps. This strategy will open opportunities for business growth through exports, further enhancing the economic impact on local farmers and the broader agricultural economy.
VI009	Myoho	\$91,119.00	Equipment Only	MYOHO Expanding Markets for Producers through Juice Bottling & Popsicle Production/Distribution	Myoho will strengthen local agriculture by aggregating fruit and fruit-based products from regional farmers and transforming them into market-ready items. The project will provide farmers—especially those without access to packing systems or equipment—with sustainable packaging, processing, and distribution options that create new revenue opportunities while expanding the availability of fresh, local products for consumers. Myoho will purchase and install essential equipment, including air water generators, a filling line, refrigeration, and freezer capacity, to process, store, and package local fruit and products. Farmers' harvests—such as mango, soursop, kenip, star fruit, pomegranate, guava berry, and sorrel—will be packaged in bio-based, compostable containers or processed into juice, pulp, and popsicles for sale in local and regional markets. The project will enable at least 15 new products to be processed, aggregated, stored, or distributed, and will establish at least 10 new market outlets for farmers' goods. By creating a shared aggregation and packing space, the project will allow multiple farmers to pool their harvests and achieve the joint volume needed to become consistent, competitive suppliers to grocery stores and supermarkets. Deliverables include a fully operational packing and processing system, expanded farmer participation in the local supply chain, and increased volumes of regional agricultural products reaching store shelves. The expected outcome is a stronger, more resilient local food system that supports farmers, reduces barriers to market entry, and delivers high-quality, sustainably packaged products to the community.

TOTAL AWARDED \$1,422,619