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CFVI Offering Neighborhood Revitalization & Resilience Grants

Funding provided by Cruzan Rum's Island Spirit Fund via GlobalGiving

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR PHASE 1: Tuesday, June 15, 2021

U.S. Virgin Islands, June 8, 2021 — The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is offering Neighborhood Revitalization & Resilience (NRR) Grants, with funding provided by Cruzan Rum's Island Spirit Fund via GlobalGiving.

"The NRR Grant Program is intended to support community-based and grassroots organizations in under-resourced neighborhoods to engage residents in participatory planning processes to develop projects that address pressing issues related to ongoing long-term hurricane recovery and resilience within their neighborhoods," said CFVI Vice President and Director of Grants and Programs, Anna Wheatley Scarbriel.

The NRR Grant Program is designed in two separate phases. Phase 1 will consist of planning grants where applicants outline a plan for a community engagement strategy. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded for up to 15 grant awards.

During Phase 2, applicants will share the results of their engagement and propose implementation projects. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for up to 15 grant awards.

"Our hope is that this grant program will have a variety of positive outcomes," said Scarbriel. "First, communities come together to develop grassroots approaches to address pressing needs. As a result, the community members themselves are actively engaged in change efforts because they view themselves as stakeholders with a vested interest. Ultimately, leadership is strengthened and they have pride in their neighborhoods, as well as the motivation and tools to continue their work," she said.

Phase 1 applications must be submitted by June 15. For more information on grant requirements or to submit an application, visit cfvi.net.

Applicants with additional questions are encouraged to contact Anna Wheatley Scarbriel at annas@cfvi.net.

About the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

Since 1990, CFVI has been a catalyst for positive change in the Territory through initiatives committed to youth, learning, family support and the environment. With a professional staff and a volunteer Board of Directors composed of community leaders, CFVI is a trusted advocate and supporter of programs that ensure opportunity and sustainability for current and future generations. CFVI is a registered non-profit organization entirely supported by individual donors, grants, trusts, corporate donations and estate planning. For more information, visit cfvi.net.

About The Island Spirit Fund

Following the 2017 hurricane season, St. Croix-based Cruzan Rum established a direct aid fund to ensure that in the future no one would have to "weather a storm alone." Cruzan set up the Island Spirit Fund to address the ongoing needs of communities affected by the storms. Through donations of \$1 for every case of rum sold, the Island Spirit Fund is supporting several organizations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, including CFVI. As of December 2020, Cruzan has raised more than \$3.5 million for the Island Spirit Fund.

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