



Federal Aid Programs for U.S. Virgin Islands Disaster Recovery

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Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available *as needed and warranted* under President Bush's major disaster declaration issued for the territory of the U. S. Virgin Islands.

Assistance for the State and Affected Local Governments Can Include *as Required*:

- Reimbursement of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas and similar publicly owned property, as well as certain private non-profit organizations engaged in community service activities. (*Source: FEMA funded, state administered.*)
- Reimbursement of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for removing debris from public areas and for emergency measures taken to save lives and protect property and public health, including direct federal assistance. (*Source: FEMA funded, state administered.*)
- Payment of not more than 75 percent of the approved costs for hazard mitigation projects undertaken by state and local governments to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters. (*Source: FEMA funded, state administered.*)

How to Apply for Assistance:

- Application procedures for local governments will be explained at a series of federal/territory applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials. Approved public repair projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.