



THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT GRANT (CEG) PROGRAM

Program Goal

The Goal of the Community Enrichment Grant (CEG) program is to provide opportunities for youth groups, schools and non profit organizations to take an active role in the improvement of the environment of the Virgin Islands by utilizing funds made available by the Waste Management Authority (VIWMA) for environment improvement programs.

Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of the Community Enrichment Grant program is to encourage awareness, beautification, resource recovery (including recycling and composting) in the Virgin Islands. This program is a Territory wide community empowerment initiative that is designed to assist communities in addressing numerous environmental issues which may be identified in their local environment. The program is also designed to create partnerships which address environmental priorities at the local level, and to support self sustaining community based initiatives which are aimed to improve the environment.

Program Objectives and Scope

The principal objectives of the Community Enrichment Grant program are to provide assistance to citizen groups, school groups and non-profit organizations in creating viable, long term and environmental protection projects that will have a sustained impact on the environment. To participate in this Grant program, applicants must meet one or more of the scope of activities listed below:

- Community composting projects
- Beautification of public spaces
- Litter abatement projects
- Education of the public on litter control projects
- Erection of anti-litter and environment protection signage
- Planting of trees and shrubs
- Island wide cleanups
- Single community or area cleanups
- Roadside cleanup activities
- Wastewater disposal education projects
- Solid waste disposal education projects
- Recycling and redemption activities
- Recycling projects (reuse, reduce, recycle)
- School recycling projects



- School ecology club projects
- Earth Day activity projects
- Agriculture Fair activity projects

Grant Eligibility

Eligibility for the award of a Community Enrichment Grant requires that the entity, association, organization or organized group be licensed and registered as a non profit organization. Funding will be provided to groups such as:

- Non Profit Organizations which have as part of their mission, protection of the V.I. environment
- Schools
- Parent –Teacher- Student Associations
- Civic Groups
- Neighborhood Associations
- Environmental Organizations
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Churches

Project Location

Grants will be available for any qualified group or organization located on St. Croix, St. John, Water Island or St. Thomas.

Grant Fund Restrictions

The **grant funds are not to be used for salaries, research, fundraising or operational expenses**, and proof must be shown that the grant funds are used for its intended purpose.

Grant Period

The grant period allowed to complete all grants will be six months, unless a longer period is otherwise agreed upon.

Recognizing Funding Source

All printed material, oral public announcement, signs, displays and any other material resulting from this grant shall recognize the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority's role as a Grantor in the Grantee organization's advertisement or displays.

Partnerships to be Created

The CEG will create partnerships between the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority and the numerous organizations to which funding will be provided.