

FEMA Announces Lost Wages Grant for the U. S. Virgin Islands

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor approved the United States Virgin Islands for a FEMA grant under the Lost Wages Assistance program. FEMA's grant funding will allow the U.S. Virgin Islands to provide \$300 per week -- on top of their regular unemployment benefit -- to those unemployed due to COVID-19. FEMA will work with U.S. Virgin Islands Governor Albert Bryan Jr. to implement a system to make this funding available to U.S. Virgin Islands residents.

On Aug. 8, 2020, President Trump made available up to \$44 billion from FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund to provide financial assistance to Americans who have lost wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, the U.S. Virgin Islands agreed to administer a lost wages program for its citizens who are unemployed due to COVID-19.

FEMA looks forward to working with the governors of additional territories and states who agree to administer a lost wages program to bring financial relief to unemployed Americans.

