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## **VIDHS TO HOST PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2023 INTENDED USE PLAN FOR SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** – The Department of Human Services announces a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via a Virtual Teams Meeting to share the FY 2023 Intended Use Plan for our Social Services Block Grant.

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is a flexible source of federal funding that allows states and territories to tailor social service programming to their population's needs. A Block Grant is a non-competitive formula grant mandated by the U.S. Congress. Eligible entities must submit an annual application to demonstrate statutory and regulatory compliance in order to receive the formula-based funding. The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services SSBG funded services will be directed toward the following goals:

- I. Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce or eliminate dependency.
- II. Achieve or maintained self-sufficiency including reduction or prevention or dependency.
- III. Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests
- IV. Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community- based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care.
- V. Securing referral or admission for institution care when other forms of care are not appropriate or providing services to individuals in institutions.

Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez invites members of the public to join the TEAMS Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to sharing the FY 2023 SSBG Intended Use Plan and welcome your feedback.

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

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**Meeting ID:** 252 842 249 470

**Passcode:** r7Vehu

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The Department of Human Services (VIDHS) exists to provide social services to members in our community with diverse needs. In times of national uncertainty and hardship we act as a safety-net and exist to inspire hope and empower change through non-judgmental, quality delivery of needed services and resources. For general information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, [www.dhs.gov.vi](http://www.dhs.gov.vi) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs>).

The Bryan-Roach Administration is investing in the Territory's people, infrastructure, and future through transparency, stabilizing the economy, restoring trust in the government, and ensuring that recovery projects are completed as quickly as possible. Visit [transparency.vi.gov](http://transparency.vi.gov).

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