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Virgin Islands Department of Human Services Office of Child Care and Regulatory Services will accept new CARES Act Grant Applications until September 10, 2022

(U.S. Virgin Islands)- Having awarded CARES Act Grants totaling approximately \$700,000 to Child Care Providers across the territory since July 2021, and an additional \$220,000 approved for disbursal, the VIDHS Office of Child Care and Regulatory Services announces that it has resumed accepting CARES Act Grant applications. The last day for submitting a new grant application is September 10, 2022.

If you are a licensed Child Care provider that has not already been awarded CARES Act Grant funds, you are eligible to apply for up to \$30,000 in Cares Act funding.

Pick up CARES Act 2022 applications at our Child Care offices at the Knud Hansen Complex on St. Thomas or 129 Golden Rock, Christiansted on St. Croix. Or visit the VIDHS website at dhs.gov.vi and download the application from the Office of Child Care and Regulatory Services page. Please utilize the updated 2022 application provided at the indicated locations.

You may also call (340)772-7147 St. Croix or (340)774-0930 ext. 4186 on St. Thomas for further information.

CARES Act Grant funds are 100% federal dollars provided to the territory's childcare providers through the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care.

For general information, please visit the Department of Human Services website at www.dhs.gov.vi, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/usvidhs.

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.

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.