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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND SUB-GRANTS

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
GENERAL SOLICITATION NOTIFICATION**

The Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office (VISHPO) announces the availability of grant funds from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) for activities consistent with priorities established for historic and cultural resource preservation within the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands. The VISHPO HPF subgranting program is made possible through an annual appropriation awarded by the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund.

Eligible grant activities include National Register Nominations for historic sites on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, archaeological or architectural surveys, comprehensive historic preservation plans, history brochures and educational materials, historic architectural plans, historic structure reports, and engineering studies necessary to repair historic properties. Restoration ("bricks and mortar") projects are also eligible for properties either listed on the National Register, or eligible to be listed. All HPF-assisted activities must meet professional standards set by the Secretary of the Interior for the treatment of historic resources. Project funding decisions are made by the VISHPO, not the National Park Service.

In FY 2015, individual grants can range from \$2000 to \$20,000 and will be awarded on a competitive basis as grant funds allow. Eligible applicants for HPF subgrant awards include nonprofit organizations, private individuals (as contractors to the VISHPO), institutions of higher learning, and other agencies of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands. Applicants from all three islands are encouraged to apply.

Application proposals in the form of project outlines and description of products, not to exceed 5 pages, with a separate attached budget page are to be submitted in writing to:

Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office
1640 Dronningens Gade 71&72A
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, 00802

by Monday, December 30, 2015. No late applications will be considered. For further information regarding the grant process, please call 776-8605.

This program receives Federal financial assistance for identification and protection of historic properties. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or disability in its federally assisted programs. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information regarding any discriminatory acts, please write to: Office for Equal Opportunity, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20240