NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR VI HISTORIC RECOVERY PROGRAM

Dear Applicant,

Recovery staff verified that most of the 233 Step 1 Questionnaires received for damaged properties, are located within the Historic Districts. However, to be considered eligible for a reimbursement grant award, a property must meet 2 criteria: 1) the property must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or must be eligible for listing on the NRHP and 2) have incurred damage from Hurricanes Irma or Maria. These criteria were included on the Step 1 Questionnaire, newspaper, and radio ads, as well as, on the formal solicitation announcement. The NRHP is the United States Federal government’s official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects deemed worthy of preservation.

To determine if your property is eligible for listing on the NRHP, the applicant must complete a NRHP Preliminary Determination of Eligibility (DOE) Form. This review process involves examination of the property's significance/history, age, and integrity. Once the DOE Form is completed, it must be submitted to the VI State Historic Preservation Office with the necessary photos and documentation. DOE Forms can be obtained from VI State Historic Preservation Offices, online at www.dpnr.vi.gov or by sending an email to Historic.Recovery@dpnr.vi.gov.

Applicants who are currently listed on the NRHP, must provide a statement of condition/integrity. In other words, does the property still retain sufficient historic integrity, from the time it was originally determined eligible or listed? A statement from the owner/manager of the property that explains any previous alterations to the property, or briefly describes the damages to the property can be submitted with the Step 2 - Application for Grant Funding.

Recovery Staff is available to assist applicants in this process and encourage applicants to contact the office at 340-776-8605 or by email to make an appointment.

Sincerely,

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