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VI COUNCIL ON THE ARTS INCREASES GRANT AWARDS

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts (VICA) has increased their grant funding amounts effective immediately for the 2022 Annual Grant cycle. The Annual Grant provides artistic support to Virgin Island artists and non-profit art organizations. VICA has received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to provide General Operating Support, Project Support, Arts in Education Support, and Arts in Underserved Communities Support.

- General Operating Support has increased from $10,000 to $15,000.
- Project Support has increased from $5,000 to $7,000.
- Arts in Education Support and Arts in Underserved Communities Support have increased from $3,000 to $5,000.

Annual Grant applications are now open online at vicouncilonarts.org until August 31st, 2021. Eligible individuals and organizations must be based in the VI and have been in existence for at least two years. All applicants must have an active DUNS number registered on sam.gov. All grants must be matched with a combination of cash and in-kind services. Mini grants have also increased from $1,000 to $2,500 as well as Technical Assistance grants from $1,000 to $2,500. For additional information visit vicouncilonarts.org or call 340-774-5984 on St. Thomas and 340-773-3075 on St. Croix.