June 21, 2022

Jean-Pierre L. Oriol  
Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Natural Resources  
Charles W. Turnbull Regional Library  
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RE: Virgin Islands Department of Human Services Request for Federal Consistency for the  
Demolition and Reconstruction of the Head Start Anna’s Hope Administration Building, St.  
Croix - Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Feb. 9, 2018)

Dear Commissioner Oriol,

The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (VIDHS) respectfully requests approval of the  
Federal Consistency for the Head Start Program’s Reconstruction Project for their Anna’s Hope  
Administration Building, VIDHS is proposing the partial demolition of the Administration Building in  
preparation for the reconstruction of the replacement facility. The Administration Building is  
located at No. 8 & Matr 36-A, Anna’s Hope, St. Croix. The Administration Building suffered major  
damage during Hurricane Maria in September 2017 and will be demolished and replaced  
through funding provided by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Feb. 9, 2018).

The existing buildings were originally constructed prior major hurricane damage in the late 80’s  
from Hurricane Hugo to more recently, Hurricane Maria in 2017. Since the time of Hurricane  
Hugo in 1989, the Virgin Islands has adopted, first the Uniform Building Code for structures, and  
more recently, the International Building Code. Besides the existing poor condition of the  
buildings on site. Caused by damages from past hurricanes, their old construction cannot meet  
the structural requirements of the 2018 International Building Code. Furthermore, the existing  
structure cannot accommodate the program requirements for a functional facility.

This request for Federal Consistency is for the demolition and reconstruction of the Administration  
Building. The demolition of the Administration Building will remove the existing elevated one-story  
masonry structure that was catastrophically damaged by Hurricane Maria. The proposed  
demolition project will impact only previously disturbed areas associated with the removal of the  
existing Administration Building down to the existing foundations. The proposed project is the  
initial step in the permanent restoration of the existing administrative services for the  
department’s Head Start Program on the island of St. Croix. The proposed project will begin as  
soon as all approvals have been finalized and a construction schedule will be furnished once a  
contractor is selected.

Attached, please find a Project Summary demonstrating the project’s compliance with the U.S.  
Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program and drawings of the proposed demolition  
and reconstruction project. Please contact Deputy Commissioner, Miguel Tricoche, at 340-474-  
2489, or Miguel.Tricoche@dhs.vi.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Causey-Gomez, MSW  
Commissioner

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Sign __________________________ Date __________________________

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