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**LEPC Announces Funding Opportunities for FY 2022 and FY 2023
Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program**

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - The Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC), with funding through the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ), Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance (USDOJ OJP-BJA), is pleased to announce that **effective Thursday, March 20, 2025, and closing on Friday, May 23, 2025**, it will be accepting proposals for funding opportunities through the **FY 2022 (\$53,732) and FY 2023 (\$46,145.68) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program**.

Launched in 2001, the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, community leaders, and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. PSN is coordinated by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices in the 94 federal judicial districts throughout the 50 states and U.S. territories. PSN is customized to account for local violent crime problems and resources. Across all districts, PSN follows four key design elements of successful violent crime reduction initiatives: community engagement, prevention and intervention, focused and strategic enforcement, and accountability.

In the Virgin Islands, the United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, in coordination with the Virgin Islands Project Safe Neighborhood Committee, leads these efforts. Additionally, LEPC serves as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for USDOJ grant funding to the Territory, as well as the Fiscal Agent for the Virgin Islands Project Safe Neighborhood Program.

Community and faith-based non-profit organizations, government agencies, law enforcement programs, youth programs and similar, that assist in addressing gangs and violent crime through coordinated law enforcement, intervention, prevention and re-entry initiatives are welcome to apply for funding consideration.

Non-government organizations applying for funding consideration must include the following documents in their application package:

- A valid Unique Entity ID (UEI) number
- Registration on SAM.gov
- IRS Determination Letter regarding 501 (c)3 status
- Articles of Incorporation
- A current Certificate of Good Standing from the Lt. Governor's Office

Failure to submit all required documents by the scheduled deadline will result in disqualification for funding consideration. **Each grant application must be received by LEPC electronically at rfp.response@lepc.vi.gov by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025.** Each application must be submitted with all required signatures and all other required documents, or it will be considered incomplete. **Funding for all approved projects is on a reimbursement basis, only.**

For an application or more information, please contact Ms. Carmen Potter, Executive Assistant to the Director, at 340-774-6400, or via email at carmen.potter@lepc.vi.gov.

LEPC is committed to supporting criminal justice initiatives and programs through collaboration, advice, and resources to promote safer communities in the Virgin Islands.

Supporting programs, serving our communities... Making a difference!