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**VIHFA Hosts Townhalls on Commercial Hardening and Financing  
and Small Business Mitigation Projects**

**[U.S. Virgin Islands]** – V.I Housing Finance Authority Interim Executive Director and Chief Disaster Recovery Officer Dayna Clendinen encourages the public to attend upcoming townhalls for its Commercial Hardening and Financing, and Small Business Mitigation programs. The series of meetings is meant to offer residents technical assistance in filling out the application for funding. In person townhall schedule is below:

- St. Thomas – Monday, March 4 at 6pm - UVI Innovation Center in the SBDC Training Room
- St. John – Tuesday, March 5 at 6pm – Julius E Sprauve School Cafeteria
- St. Croix – Friday, March 8 at 6pm - Sunny Isle Shopping Center in the Elections Office

The CDBG-Mitigation Action Plan allocated \$75 million for both programs, of which \$40 million has been earmarked for Commercial Hardening and Financing, while \$35 million is set aside for Small Business Mitigation (SBM) projects. Both programs are designed to eliminate or reduce operational down-time experienced by businesses affected by natural/manmade disasters. VIHFA has issued two Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) which is subject to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations 24 [CFR § 570.202](#).

Two virtual options are available for those who are unable to attend in person. Those interested participants for the virtual townhalls must register beforehand.

**Zoom Meeting Information**

Wednesday, Feb. 28 | 6:00 p.m. (AST)

Registration Link  
<http://tinyurl.com/59sh2vrs>

Meeting ID: 889 1819 6885

Passcode: 745097

**Zoom Meeting Information**





Wednesday, Mar. 6 | 6:00 p.m. (AST)

Registration Link  
<http://tinyurl.com/yxchjme3>

Meeting ID: 892 3237 6751

Passcode: 526360



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Applications to the CDBG-MIT Economic Resilience and Revitalization Program can be found [here](#). To obtain a paper application, or for assistance completing an application, kindly contact Whitney George, Management Assistant, at (340) 772-4432 Ext:3248 or send an to email [wgeorge@vihfa.gov](mailto:wgeorge@vihfa.gov) or [vihfamit@vihfa.gov](mailto:vihfamit@vihfa.gov). Online and paper applications are due by April 5, 2024, at 11:59pm.

