



2007 CFVI Mini-Grant Summary

St. Croix

Name: Percival Edwards, St. Croix Farmers in Action

Contact: 277-0616

Project: Liberty Day Festival

Award: \$1000

To celebrate and commemorate Liberty Day, this organization will host a day of activities centered around cultural awareness and historical appreciation of St. Croix's important role in the transfer of the Virgin Islands from the Danish West Indies to the United States. In an effort to merge the talents and experience of the older generation with the energy and enthusiasm of the younger one, established Quelbe bands will perform for students, who will in turn display their skills by performing traditional Quadrille dances as well as historical skits centered on the Liberty Day theme.

Name: Searl Gordon, St. Croix 7th Day Adventist School

Contact: 773-6350

Project: St. Croix SDA Safe and Drug-Free After School Program

Award: \$500

This after school program serves 80 community residents ages 5 –18 who might not otherwise have sufficient adult supervision after school. The goal of the program is to provide a safe environment in which to offer academic tutoring, music education, recreational activities and group and individual counseling in an effort to promote healthy life style choices and deter negative influences. The funding will be used to purchase reward and incentive materials including trophies, t-shirts, books and prizes to recognize the accomplishments of the participants.

Name: Diane Hampton

UVI Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities

Project: Write a Play! Make a Movie!

Award: \$1000

This program is being offered to residents of "The Girl's Cottage", a 6-room facility at YRC that houses young women experiencing life challenges. Guest speakers from the community, along with YRC staff, will introduce the art of filmmaking as a way to build self-esteem, teamwork skills and as an avenue for healthy self-expression. Residents will meet with the Art Therapist on a daily basis with the goal of learning script writing, producing a play based on the scripts, and making the final product into a video. Funds will be used to purchase a digital camera, video camera, tripod, scrapbook supplies and accessories.

Name: Sana Joseph, Strategic Solution Network, Inc.

Contact: 332-7336

Project: Youth Economical Empowerment Initiative

Award: \$1000

This nonprofit organization will provide workshops on financial literacy to high school seniors and interested parents. The goal of the program is to teach participants how to become financially responsible, how to establish, manage and repair credit, how to keep a budget and use financial resources wisely and how to avoid debt. The funds will cover the cost of purchasing “Jump Start” financial literacy books for the students.

Name: Willie Lewis, Eulalie Rivera Elementary School Contact: 719-0961

Project: Youth Sports Recognition Day for Children and Parents

Award: \$1000

Mr. Lewis, a physical education teacher, provides after school sports programs on campus for children both with and without disabilities. This is a well established year round program that has many ongoing financial needs. Mr. Lewis’s programs strongly encourage parental involvement and provide a safe, drug-free environment for children after school.

Name: Mary Mingus, Women’s Coalition of St. Croix Contact: 773-9272

Project: Making the Natural and Cultural Wonders of St. Croix Come Alive

Award: \$1000

The Women’s Coalition is planning a weekend experience for children who have not yet had the opportunity to experience first-hand the natural beauty of their island. The weekend will begin with a sail from Christiansted to Frederiksted, followed by a horseback ride through the rainforest and a weekend of camping, hiking and gardening. Included in the weekend activities will be workshops that promote leadership, teambuilding and self esteem.

Name: Bruce Wilson, Mt. Victory Camp Contact: 772-1651

Project: Keep it Growing – Community Sponsored Garden

Award: \$1000

This program, housed at Mt. Victory, strives to weave community service with curriculum goals by involving 30 students from 3 schools in the collaborative effort of creating and maintaining a shared garden. The students will begin by clearing the land and planting the seeds, then will assist in putting an irrigation system into place. Students will visit the garden twice a month to maintain the plot and care for their growing plants. Funds will be used to purchase gardening tools and provide transportation for the participants.

Name: Janice M. Ferdinand, Virgin Islands Writing Project Contact: 773-6806

Project: Young Writers’ Camp - St. Croix

Award: \$1000

This summer writing workshop, under the guidance of the VI Writing Project, will be open to elementary school students in grades 3-6. Students will be encouraged to write every day in many different genres and about many different subjects. Students will be taught that writing does not only take place in English class, but in every subject during the school day. Students will write about the guest speakers who visit the workshop, and about the writings submitted by other students. At the end of the session, students will be given a binder of all of their own writing, and an anthology of the writing submitted by their peers. Funds will be used to purchase materials and supplies and to assist with the cost of field trips and insurance for the group.

Name: John Clenace, Ronald Charles Basketball Association Contact: 773-0262

Project: Basketball Awards Ceremony

Award: \$1000

This long-standing and long-term sports program involving approximately 200 children of all ages emphasizes not only athletic ability, but also good citizenship, community service, and academics with a goal of producing well-rounded, law abiding citizens who are interested in giving back to their community. Funds will be used to offset the costs of trophies and prizes for the organization's annual awards ceremony

St. John

Name: Karen Brady, Friends of VI National Park Contact: 779-4940

Project: Earth Day Environmental Fair for Kids

Award: \$1000

This grant was awarded to assist with the cost of an Earth day celebration at the National Park Service ball field in Cruz bay. Activities included recycling demonstrations, science exhibits, a simulated archaeological dig, coral reef preservation lessons, games and story telling.

Name: Clarence Cuthbertson, Carabana Ensemble Theater Contact: 514-6815

Project: Jump Rope for the Heart

Award: \$440

In an effort to counteract the risks associated with childhood obesity, the Carabana Ensemble Theater, in partnership with the Julius Sprauve School, will conduct a health and physical education project centered on jump roping. The intention is to teach the warning signs and prevention of heart attack and stroke while engaging in a fun-filled and healthy activity. Funds will be used to purchase the jump ropes, instruction materials and instruction fees for the sessions.

Name: Carol McGuiness, Friends of the Elaine Sprauve Library Contact: 776-6901

Project: St. John, Now and Then

Award: \$500

This after school program, which targets interested children of all ages, is designed to help the students become more knowledgeable about their individual family history and the history of St. John in general. Each of the students will be given a journal to draw in and keep notes as they interview family members and work on creating a family tree. A student volunteer, the librarian, guest speakers and a National Park Ranger will all attend the Wednesday afternoon sessions which are also designed to teach library skills and improve writing skills.

St. Thomas

Name: Michael Akin, Catholic Charities of the VI Contact: 777-8518

Project: Camp Shriver Virgin Islands

Award: \$1000

This new initiative of Catholic Charities is an expansion of their existing summer enrichment program. The summer camp will be located at the UVI Sports and Fitness Center and will meet daily during the summer months. Founded by Ms. Eunice Kennedy Shriver to involve children with intellectual disabilities in competitive sports activities, this program will offer individual screening clinics to ensure that each child has a positive and rewarding experience. Funds will be used to offset the cost of t-shirts, prizes, water coolers and soccer balls.

Name: Sandra Hodge-Benjamin, Family Resource Center Contact: 776-3966
Project: Infant, Child and Adult CPR/AED with First Aid Training for FRC's Shelter
Award: \$1000

The Family Resource Center's Shelter employees, victim advocates and volunteers will, with funds received from this grant, all partake in a 4-day first aid, CPR and AED course designed to train them to assist shelter residents in medical emergencies. The training sessions will be conducted by the American Red Cross of the Virgin Islands at their office in Nisky Center.

Name: Irose Payne-Chalon, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Contact: 774-1223
Project: St. Andrew's Sunny Saints Summer Program
Award: \$1000

This 6-week summer camp program is intended to provide assistance to the parents of school children who cannot be with their children during daytime hours due to work conflicts. With this award, tuition, insurance, supplies and field trip fees for a group of children will be funded. The camp provides a daily safe haven for these children, as well as tutorial services, music education, guest speakers and arts and crafts.

Name: Dorsey Chinnery, Savan Boys' Club Contact: 776-7737
Project: Interacting with Computers
Award: \$990

This training session will be held at the Romeo Malone Community Center in Savan for boys aged 8-17 who have little or no previous computer experience. Evening classes will be offered twice per week to provide instruction in such subjects as keyboarding, safe Internet navigation, proper care of computers and to give the boys access to math tutorials and educational games. Funds will be used to purchase a printer, paper, ink, software and miscellaneous computer and clerical supplies.

Name: Juan Christian, Memorial Moravian Church Contact: 776-0066
Project: Memorial Moravian Summer Camp
Award: \$1000

This well-supervised and well-staffed summer camp program served approximately 55 children in 2006, with the help of 8 volunteers and a grant from CFVI. This year, the camp again expects to provide a safe, drug free learning environment to children ages 4-12, including reading and math activities, Bible study, arts and crafts, historical island tours, cultural dancing and steel pan lessons, as well as daily nutritious lunches and snacks. Funds will be used to assist with the cost of t-shirts, advertising and arts and crafts supplies.

Name: Fenella Cooper, VI Writing Project
Project: Young Writers Camp – St. Thomas
Award: \$1000

Contact: 774-0780

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Name: Egbert George, Raphael O. Wheatley Skill Center
Project: Making Computer Repair a Career
Award: \$1000

Contact:

The Raphael O. Wheatley Skill Center offers computer repair classes to community members interested in seeking a job in this field. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase testers and tool kits for students and a CD burner for the organization.

Name: Carmen Rogers-Green, UVI Family Life Center
Project: Family Life Center Summer Enrichment Program
Award: \$1000

Contact: 693-1122

The UVI Family Life Center operates a Summer Enrichment Program at the UVI campus. While the daily program includes a wide variety of activities such as academic instruction, music lessons, sports and field trips, this award will focus on assisting with the cultural aspects of the program. In an effort to introduce cultural skills that can lead to both enjoyment and productive employment, the funding will be used to purchase supplies needed to conduct woodcarving and basket weaving classes. Crafts created by the 35 attending students will be displayed at the end of the program.

Name: Karen Gutloff, The VI Institute for Teaching and Learning
Program: Mother Goose Especially for Dads
Award: \$1000

Contact: 777-7030

This program, now in its third year locally, is designed for fathers, grandfathers and male guardians of children ages 3-8. In a series of interactive workshops, trained reading specialists provide these men with tips and strategies for involving their youngsters with reading projects. This program is intended to foster strong bonds between the children and their male guardians, as well as to allow these guardians to give and receive parenting support among their peers. Funds will be used to purchase reading kits for the program, which is expected to have approximately 13 participants.

Name: Eugene C. Hobdy, VI Alternative Learning Center, Inc.
Project: The Mimio Project
Award: \$804

Contact: 777-7707

This organization tutors high school students, using a whiteboard as a focal point. Funds will enable the purchase of a “Mimio Xi Capture” device for interactive use during tutoring sessions. This system turns any whiteboard into a fully functional computer screen, with email capability and a built-in memory for downloading notes. The goal of the program is to improve academic performance while providing an introduction to new technology.

Name: Sara Husein, School of Light Pre-School Contact: 776-3506

Project: Toddlers Play Area/Library Area

Award: \$1000

This pre-school has been accepting toddlers in their program since 2004 but has never had a designated play area for their youngest students. The funds will be used to purchase carpet, a table, toys and supplies for this age group, as well as to pay for the painting of a mural in the library area.

Name: Kelly Krause, VI Dept of Education - Special Ed Division Contact:

Program: Life-Skills Class

Award: \$250

This award was given to the VI Special Education system for a program that serves children with special needs. In an effort to make these children as independent and employable as possible, life-skills classes are being held to teach skills such as cooking, cleaning, sewing and creating simple merchandise for resale. Funds will be used to purchase special adaptive equipment for these students, such as two-handled cups, weighted cutlery, zipper pulls and magnifiers.

Name: Alex Randall, UVI Communications Contact: 514-0880

Project: Video Production Class

Award: \$500

The university is offering a new course this year entitled “Digital Video Production”, in which students will learn how to use video cameras and how to edit video into short productions. Funds will be used to purchase 10 tripods for the ongoing use of the Communications Department.

Name: Theodore Rohan, E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary School Contact: 776-0973

Program: Student Discovery Program

Award: \$955

A goal of the E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary School is to introduce a product called United Streaming to be used as a teaching tool throughout the school. This product enables teachers to download and share video clips on a wide variety of subjects with their students. The EBO Student Technology Team, with the assistance of donated parts and labor from “Computer Care”, will use this grant to upgrade one of the schools existing computers for use as a dedicated computer to download these videos, in order to make them quickly accessible to all teachers who wish to incorporate them into their daily curriculum.

Name: Pamela Sanes, Reichold Center for the Arts Contact: 693-1551

Program: Youth Movie Making Workshop

Award: \$1000

For the third year in a row, The Reichold Center for the Arts plans to conduct its 7-week summer Youth Movie Making Workshop for 20 youth ages 13-17. During this program students will be introduced to the many components of film making, including script writing, editing, sound, and lighting. Students will present their projects at a special screening and awards ceremony open to the general public. Funds will be used to contribute to the overall cost of conducting the workshop and will assist in making the classes available to economically disadvantaged students.

Name: Stafford Todman, Eco trails

Contact:

Program: Eco Trails Camp Site

Award: \$700

This organization plans to restore the Bordeaux Gut near the Girl Scout Camp in Fortuna to good condition. Due to years of neglect, the area is now full of trash and weeds. The Eco Trails group will clear the weeds and debris from the area, create a pedestrian trail and garden and make the area more suitable for family camping activities. Funds will be used to purchase the necessary cleaning and planting supplies.