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## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VI ANNOUNCES 2005 MINI-GRANT PROGRAM**

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands invites individuals and community organizations to apply for the Foundation's 2005 Mini-Grant Program. The Foundation awards mini-grants to innovative programs that respond to the needs of children and families in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the mini-grant program at CFVI has provided almost a quarter million dollars in grants to approximately 400 community organizations and individuals.

This year the mini-grant program will award up to \$35,000 in grants. Individual awards range from \$250 to \$1,000. Any private group (i.e. school class or club, sports team, alumni group, etc.) or individual in the U.S. Virgin Islands may submit an application for the 2005 Mini-Grant Program. Proposals will also be accepted from established non-profit organizations.

CFVI Mini-Grants are in keeping with the Foundation's mission to support innovative programs that enhance the educational, physical, social, cultural, and environmental well-being of children, youth and families in the Virgin Islands.

In 2004 the Foundation distributed a total of \$35,000 in mini-grant awards to 63 community organizations. Among the community programs and organizations that received mini-grants last year were: St. Croix: Charles H. Emanuel School Video Crew, St. Croix Junior Bowlers, STAR Students of Theater Arts and Repertoire, and the Women's Coalition. St. Thomas: Marine Kids Korps, Junior Firefighters Corps, Junior Rescue, and Project Hope. St. John: St. John Rescue, Julius E. Sprauve School Summer Enrichment Program, and Johns Folly Learning Institute.

Applications for 2005 mini-grants must be postmarked or faxed by **Wednesday, March 23, 2005**. **Applications are available on CFVI's website, [www.cfvi.net](http://www.cfvi.net), by calling CFVI at 774-6031, or**

- ST. THOMAS:  
CFVI Office, Royal Dane Mall, Suite 2 C, Upstairs  
The Draughting Shaft, Havensight Mall
- ST. CROIX:  
Chamber of Commerce, 3009 Orange Grove, Suite 12
- ST. JOHN:  
Connections, Cruz Bay

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands was established in 1990. The Foundation has more than 70 funds created by individuals and businesses to support educational, environmental, social and cultural initiatives in the Virgin Islands. CFVI provides mini-grants to community organizations, distributes scholarships to area students, and publishes KIDS COUNT, a major study of children in the territory.