

Grants - Agriculture Focus

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General Federal Grant/Funding Programs

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

This website gives access to a database of all Federal assistance programs.

Assistance programs are available for:

- State and local governments
- Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments
- Territories (and possessions) of the United States
- Domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions
- Specialized groups
- Individuals

Under “Find Assistance Programs,” the database is searchable by agency, functional area, deadline dates, eligibility, beneficiary, and type of assistance and by keyword.

The website also provides:

- Name of program, agency, purpose of grant, application process and link to application, contact information, and sample grants awarded in the past
- Several aids for writing grant proposals.

[Website](#)

USA.gov

This website provides a comprehensive listing of all types of information, services and resources.

This website is the official U.S. gateway to all government information. Sources include federal and state governments, U.S. territories and foreign nations. Gateway searches more than 51 million web pages.

[Website](#)

GovBenefits.gov

This website provides a personalized screening tool for individual assistance.

The online screening tool is free, easy-to-use, and confidential as it does not require a name, phone number, Social Security number, or any other information that could be used for identification.

- “Home” section (at below link): Answer a series of questions about yourself
- GovBenefits.gov returns a list of government benefit programs you may be eligible to receive along with information about how you can apply.

The following link lists agencies and organizations that provide benefits programs:

<http://www.benefits.gov/>

Foundation Center

The Foundation Center provides information on private philanthropy in the United States. They help grant seekers, grant makers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public better understand the field of philanthropy.

Website: <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/newvisitors/>

Building Better Rural Places Catalogue

A USDA publication and website focusing on federal programs for sustainable agriculture, forestry, conservation and community development.

- USDA agencies and programs providing major support for this publication:
- Resource Conservation and Development
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program ([SARE](#))
- [Website](#)

Grants.gov

Grants.gov is your source to FIND and APPLY for federal government grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proud to be the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community. This website was established as a governmental resource named the E-Grants Initiative, part of the President's 2002 Fiscal Year Management Agenda to improve government services to the public.

Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. Many other grants listed in this document can be found on grants.gov. The application process for many grants is also processed through grants.gov. This is a very important website to become familiar with.

<http://www.grants.gov/>

Community Development

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFPCGP) has existed since 1996 as a program to fight food insecurity through developing community food projects that help promote the self-sufficiency of low-income communities. Community Food Projects are designed to increase food security in communities by bringing the whole food system together to assess strengths, establish linkages, and create systems that improve the self-reliance of community members over their food needs.

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Grants for Rural Development, Forestry, and Communities

Funded jointly by the USDA and the Forest Service, this grant is to help rural areas analyze and assess forest resource opportunities, maximize local economic potential through market development and expansion, and diversify communities' economic base.

Funding may be allocated for such things as technical assistance, training and education, equipment, marketing, and all costs associated with making these services available to tribal nations, State and Federal agencies, State Foresters, local governments, not-for-profit organizations, and others who are extending services to rural communities.

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Conservation & Resource Management

Farm Service Agency

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers and manages farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster, and loan programs as laid out by Congress through a network of federal, state and county offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of the agricultural industry and to help farmers adjust production to meet demand. Economically, the desired result of these programs is a steady price range for agricultural commodities for both farmers and consumers. Programs vary from year to year, so contact your local office to find out what programs are currently active.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment

The 2014 Farm Bill was enacted on February 7, 2014. NRCS offers voluntary Farm Bill conservation programs that benefit both agricultural producers and the environment.

Some programs will be available immediately, while others will require limited time to be set up within the agency. Details are on each program page and at your local USDA Service Center.

Current Farm Bill contracts remain in effect; new sign-up information will be announced here as it becomes available.

NRCS's natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty.

Conservation programs under the 2014 Farm Bill are:

- [Conservations Stewardship Program](#) (CSP)
- [Agricultural Management Assistance Program](#) (AMA)
- [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP)
- [Agricultural Conservation Experience Service](#) (ACES)
- [Technical Service Providers](#) (TSP)
- [Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program](#) (VPA – HIP)

[Website](#)

Idaho Conservation Innovation Grant

The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production.

CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals or guides, or to the private sector. The three natural resource concerns for possible funding through Conservation Innovation Grants for fiscal year 2007 are: Water Resources; Soil Resources; and Atmospheric Resources. Market Based Approaches to address any or all of these three resource concern areas will be considered.

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Financing Businesses and New Enterprises

Small Business Development Center Program (SBDC)

To provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners.

The SBDC Program is designed to deliver up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management. SBDC services include, but are not limited to, assisting small businesses with financial, marketing, production, organization, engineering and technical problems and feasibility studies. Special SBDC programs and economic development activities include international trade assistance, technical assistance, procurement assistance, venture capital formation and rural development.

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Quality Samples Program (QSP)

Assists U.S. agricultural trade organizations provide small samples of their agricultural products to potential importers in emerging markets overseas.

The QSP enables potential customer around the world to discover the quality and benefits of U.S. agricultural products. This program focuses on processors and manufacturers rather than consumers, and QSP projects should benefit an entire industry or commodity rather than a specific company or product. Projects should focus on developing a new market or promoting a new use for the U.S. product.

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Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG)

Grants for Assisting Small and Emerging Rural Businesses to Nonprofits and Public Bodies

Finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging private business enterprises located in rural areas through grants to public bodies, nonprofits, and federally recognized Indian Tribal groups.

This includes starting and operating revolving loan funds, business incubators, and industrial parks. In addition, costs that may be paid from grant funds include the acquisition and development of land and the construction of buildings, plants, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, and utility and service extensions; refinancing; fees for professional services; technical assistance and training associated with technical assistance; startup operating costs and working capital, providing financial assistance to a third party; production of television programs to provide information to rural residents; and creating, expanding, and operating rural distance learning networks.

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Rural Business Investment Program

- This program provides a Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC) license to newly formed venture capital organizations to help meet the equity capital investment needs in rural communities.
- Who can answer questions?
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Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant

- The primary objective of the SSDPG program is to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged agricultural producers through cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers. Grants are awarded through a national competition. Each fiscal year, applications are requested through a Notice published in the Federal Register and an announcement posted on Grants.gov
- Who can answer questions: [Idaho USDA Rural Development](#)
- [Website](#) for more information

Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)

- The VAPG program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based, value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the goals of this program. You may receive priority if you are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially-disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative, or are proposing a mid-tier value chain. Grants are awarded through a national competition. Each fiscal year, applications are requested through a notice published in the Federal Register and through an announcement posted on Grants.gov.
- Who can answer questions: Idaho USDA Rural Development
- [Website](#) for more information

Marketing & Development

Specialty Crop Block Grants

The United States Department of Agriculture allocates Specialty Crop Block Grant funding to the state and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture passes the funds through to the specialty crop industry as competitive grants.

Projects must solely enhance the competitiveness of U.S. grown specialty crops in either domestic or foreign markets and must provide a benefit to more than just the applicant. Specialty crops include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture.

Funds are available to interested local, state, and federal government, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and universities. Projects may include, but are not limited to, pest and disease control, enhancing food safety, developing new and improved seed varieties, increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops, market development, or developing good agricultural, handling, or manufacturing practices. Projects are evaluated on how well they enhance the competitiveness of Idaho's specialty crops, soundness and quality of the project plan, measurable outcomes and return on investment.

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Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) was created through a recent amendment of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976. The grants, authorized by the FMPP, are targeted to help improve and expand domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Approximately \$10 million is allocated for FMPP for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012. The maximum amount awarded for any one proposal cannot exceed \$100,000. Entities eligible to apply include agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, nonprofit corporations, public health corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmer's market authorities and Tribal governments.

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Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)

The Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) offers grant funds with a 25% match to support the development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets. There are two types of project applications accepted under LFPP—planning grants and implementation grants. Applicants can apply for either but will receive only one type of grant in the same grant cycle.

- **LFPP Planning Grants** are used in the planning stages of establishing or expanding a local and regional food business enterprise. Activities can include but are not limited to market research, feasibility studies, and business planning.
- **LFPP Implementation Grants** are used to establish a new local and regional food business enterprise, or to improve or expand an existing local or regional food business enterprise. Activities can include but are not limited to training and technical assistance for the business enterprise and/or for producers working with the business enterprise; outreach and marketing to buyers and consumers; and non-construction infrastructure improvements to business enterprise facilities or information technology systems.

Eligible entities may apply if they support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products. Such entities may include:

- Agricultural businesses and cooperatives
- Producer networks and associations
- Community supported agriculture networks and associations
- Other agricultural business entities (for-profit groups)
- Nonprofit and public benefit corporations
- Economic development corporations
- Regional farmers' market authorities
- Local and tribal governments

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Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP)

Matching Grants for Marketing Agricultural Products through State Departments of Agriculture

FSMIP funds can be requested for a wide range of marketing projects, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Assess challenges and develop ways to assist local and regional producers in marketing agricultural products that meet the mandates of the Food Safety Modernization Act.
- Have the potential to create economic opportunity in rural communities through research relating to marketing in local and regional food systems, and value-added agriculture.
- Contribute to the strategy of a designated Promise Zone.
- Demonstrate sound methods for processing, packing, handling, transporting, storing, distributing, and marketing agricultural products.
- Determine the costs of marketing agricultural products in their various forms and through various channels.
- Assist in the development of marketing methods, practices and facilities to bring about more efficient and orderly marketing, and reduce the price spread between the producer and the consumer.
- Develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.

- Eliminate artificial barriers to the free movement of agricultural products in commercial channels.
- Foster new or expanded markets and new uses of agricultural products.

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Foreign Market Development Program (FMD)

The Foreign Market Development (FMD) Program, also known as the Cooperator Program, helps create, expand and maintain long-term export markets for U.S. agricultural products. Under the program, FAS partners with U.S. agricultural producers and processors, who are represented by non-profit commodity or trade associations called “cooperators,” to promote U.S. commodities overseas.

The FMD program focuses on generic promotion of U.S. commodities, rather than consumer-oriented promotion of branded products. Preference is given to organizations that represent an entire industry or are nationwide in membership and scope.

FMD-funded projects generally address long-term opportunities to reduce foreign import constraints or expand export growth opportunities. For example, this might include efforts to:

- reduce infrastructural or historical market impediments,
- improve processing capabilities,
- modify codes and standards, or
- Identify new markets or new uses for the agricultural commodity or product.

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Emerging Markets Program (EMP)

The Emerging Markets Program (EMP) helps U.S. organizations promote exports of U.S. agricultural products to countries that have -- or are developing -- market-oriented economies and that have the potential to be viable commercial markets.

Through the EMP, FAS provides cost-share funding for technical assistance activities such as feasibility studies, market research, sectorial assessments, orientation visits, specialized training and business workshops. The EMP supports exports of generic U.S. agricultural commodities and products, meaning projects that endorse or promote branded products or specific companies are not eligible.

There is no fixed list of "emerging market" countries, but the legislation defines an emerging market as any country that "is taking steps toward a market-oriented economy through the food, agriculture, or rural business sectors of the economy of the country" and "has the potential to provide a viable and significant market for United States commodities or products of United States agricultural commodities." Guidance on qualified countries is provided each year in the program application announcement.

Under the EMP there are 3 funding channels

1. Central Fund – Principal means of funding private sector proposals
2. Quick Response Marketing Fund – Used to address priority marketing problems that arise because of unforeseen events.
3. Technical Issues Resolution Fund – Reserved for addressing priority sanitary or phytosanitary trade issues.

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Market Access Program (MAP)

Through the Market Access Program (MAP), FAS partners with U.S. agricultural trade associations, cooperatives, state regional trade groups and small businesses to share the costs of overseas marketing and promotional activities that help build commercial export markets for U.S. agricultural products and commodities.

MAP reaches virtually every corner of the globe, helping to build markets for a wide variety U.S. farm and food products. FAS provides cost-share assistance to eligible U.S. organizations for activities such as consumer advertising, public relations, point-of-sale demonstrations, participation in trade fairs and exhibits, market research and technical assistance. When MAP funds are used for generic marketing and promotion, participants must contribute a minimum 10-percent match. For promotion of branded products, a dollar-for-dollar match is required.

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Western U.S. Agricultural Trade Association

WUSATA receives funding for programs and activities from USDA's Market Access Program (MAP). The Association works with State Departments of Agriculture and USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) in posts around the world to offer export guidance and connect qualified buyers to Western U.S. companies.

WUSATA's **Global Connect** sponsors industry-wide food and agricultural projects that are jointly managed by state marketing specialists and WUSATA. The projects or activities sponsored by the Global Connect Program include everything from reverse buying missions and in-store demonstrations, to trade shows and market research. Companies that want to participate in the Global Connect Program should contact their State Department of Agriculture.

WUSATA's **FundMatch** is a cost-share program that provides 50% reimbursement of pre-approved international marketing expenses to small, food and non-food agricultural companies. To be eligible, the company must be classified as small and have a product that is of at least 50% U.S. agricultural origin and is labeled as a product of the U.S.A. Companies that want to participate in the FundMatchs Program should contact their State Department of Agriculture or WUSATA directly:

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Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP)

A competitive matching grants program which helps to underwrite the startup costs of new export marketing ventures for groups that are particularly effective in reaching small- and medium-size enterprises (SMEs).

The program is administered through the International Trade Administration. Generally, private enterprises are not eligible. The following are usually found to be eligible:

- Trade associations
- State departments of trade
- Regional associations of trade and economic development
- World Trade Centers
- Chambers of commerce
- Small business development centers
- Non-profit industry organizations

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Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants (VAPG)

Also known as the Value Added Producers Grant (VAPG), this grant is to help producers of agricultural commodities, agricultural producer groups, farmer and rancher cooperatives and majority owned producer based business ventures develop business plans for viable marketing opportunities and develop new strategies to create marketing opportunities in emerging markets

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Forest Products Lab: Technology Marketing Unit (TMU)

The program is designed to assist in turning small diameter and underutilized wood species into marketable forest products, including biomass energy.

The public goal is to reduce the cost per acre of hazardous fuel treated needed to protect communities from wildland fire and improve the overall health of the nation's forests. Programs may include: (1) development of potential new products; (2) projects that showcase innovative uses for small diameter and low-valued hardwoods and softwoods; and (3) reducing the challenge to economic and market barriers to the use of the material (4) provide seed money and gap funding (5) facilitating creation/expansion of harvesting/processing/transporting enterprises around wildland urban interface areas.

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Research

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program

Grants to Improve the Environmental and Economic Sustainability of Farming and Ranching to Educational Institutions, Nonprofits and Producer.

Proposal guidelines for each of the grants programs are available from the regional SARE offices or the national program office. Each region solicits proposals and awards grants independently; contact the regional office for applications and deadlines.

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Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)

Grants to be matched by States for Projects Aimed at Reducing the Risks and Uses of Pesticides in Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Settings

Established in 1994, the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is an EPA partnership program that works with the nation's pesticide-user community to promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices.

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Potato Breeding Research

Grants for State agricultural experiment stations, land-grant colleges and universities, research foundations established by land-grant colleges and universities, and some other college/university research institutions.

The purpose of this grant program is to support potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.) research programs that focus on varietal development and testing and potato varieties for commercial production. As used herein, varietal development and testing is research using conventional breeding and/or biotechnological genetics to develop improved potato varieties. Aspects of evaluation, screening and testing must support variety development.

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Biomass Research and Development Initiative

To promote greater innovation and development related to biomass.

Apply for financial assistance to address research and development of biomass based products, bioenergy, biofuels and related processes. DOE and USDA have separate funding allocations and make separate awards under this heading.

The projects must fall under one of these three technical areas:

- (A) Feedstocks development
- (B) Biofuels and bio based products development
- (C) Biofuels development analysis

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Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)

The Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) was established to solve critical industry issues through research and extension activities. SCRI will give priority to projects that are multistate, multi-institutional, or trans-disciplinary; and include explicit mechanisms to communicate results to producers and the public. Projects must address at least one of five focus areas: research in plant breeding, genetics, and genomics to improve crop characteristics; efforts to identify and address threats from pests and diseases, including threats to specialty crop pollinators; efforts to improve production efficiency, productivity, and profitability over the long term; new innovations and technology, including improved mechanization and technologies that delay or inhibit ripening; and methods to prevent, detect, monitor, control, and respond to potential food safety hazards in the production and processing of specialty crops.

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Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC)

Assists U.S. organizations by providing funding for projects that address sanitary, phytosanitary, and technical barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops.

Program Information:

- Specialty crops including all cultivated plants and their products produced in the United States except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts, sugar and tobacco.
- Examples of activities these grants may cover include seminars and workshops, study tours, field surveys, pest and disease research, and pre-clearance programs.
- U.S. organizations, including, but not limited to: U.S. government agencies, state government agencies, non-profit trade associations, universities, agricultural cooperatives, and private companies.

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The Cochran Fellowship Program

Training of agriculturalists from middle income countries, emerging markets, and emerging democracies, specifically for senior and mid-level specialists and administrators, from the public and private sectors, concerned with agricultural trade, agribusiness development, management, policy, marketing, and technology transfer.

All training occurs in the United States. Since its inception in 1984, the program has provided U.S. - based training for over 12,200 international participants from 103 countries worldwide.

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Scientific Cooperation Research Program

The Scientific Cooperation Research Program supports joint research, extension, and education projects — lasting up to two years — among domestic and international agricultural professionals. These projects address issues including agricultural trade and market access, animal and plant health, biotechnology, food safety and security, and sustainable natural resource management in the United States and internationally. Since 1980, the program has supported more than 400 projects with approximately 95 partnering countries, enhancing the technical skills of more than 1,000 agricultural professionals.

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Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program

Approximately \$7 million in fiscal year 2015 is provided by USDA/Risk Management Agency for risk management education and training programs.

The programs provide risk management organizations with resources to develop training and education programs to help farmers and ranchers effectively manage long-term risks and challenges

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Technical Assistance to Cooperatives

Grants available to rural cooperatives, focusing on farmer's cooperatives.

Provided by the USDA's Rural Development Business- Cooperative Service, the goal of this program is to develop and administer research, technical assistance, statistical, and educational programs on finances, organization, management, legal, social, and economic aspects of rural cooperatives, focusing on farmer cooperatives.

Contacts for this program can be found [here](#).

Organic Cost Share Program

The NOCCSP is available to producers and handlers (e.g., all four scopes of certification) in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands. The program provides \$10.3 million dollars of assistance in fiscal year 2015. Unused funds may be used in the next fiscal year.

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