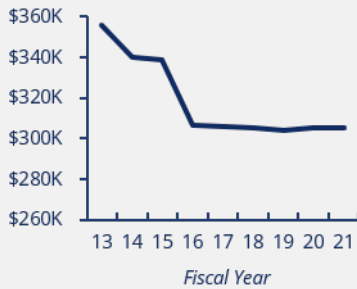


**HOSPITAL
PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAM**

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

HPP FUNDING

14% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- The U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) uses HPP funding to maintain an emergency preparedness system for the over 106,000 residents of the island chain.
- The Virgin Islands Hospital Preparedness Program (VIHPP) expanded capacity to address the treatment needs of pediatric patients who present to the hospital for emergency care.
- The VIHPP participated in the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis for Juan F. Luis Hospital on St. Croix and outlined an improvement plan to address potential vulnerabilities facing the program.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

The VIHPP reevaluated the patient evacuation process and communicated updates on the patient movement and evacuation annex to the Emergency Support Function 8 plan. By involving key stakeholders such as dialysis centers and End-Stage Renal Network 3, the VIHPP created a plan that incorporates the use of mobile dialysis facilities to ensure patients remain at home and maintain their support system. These efforts formed necessary partnerships with key stakeholders to create a well-informed response plan that prioritizes patient care.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The USVI Department of Health (DOH) met daily with hospitals to share information and update its common operating picture based on the COVID-19 response.
- The USVI DOH utilized a contract with partner emergency medical services (EMS) organizations from other states to provide surge staffing to the territory's hospitals and EMS agencies.
- The USVI DOH purchased equipment and supplies to support operational needs for both hospitals on the islands.



1 Health Care Coalition

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

100%
of acute care hospitals

100%
of emergency medical services

100%
of public health agencies

100%
of emergency management agencies

FY20 end-of-year data and HCC count as of 6/30/2021. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in USVI.