

US Virgin Islands Recovery Office Overview

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Hurricanes Irma/Maria

FEMA-4335-DR-VI

- Hurricane Irma impacted the USVI on September 6, 2017, as a Category 5 storm. Irma's effects were most profound on St. Thomas, where at least 12 inches (305 mm) of rain fell. St. Thomas and St. John suffered widespread structural damage, including critical facilities, communications, and power infrastructure.
- Incident Period: September 5, 2017 - September 7, 2017
- Major Disaster Declaration declared on September 7, 2017

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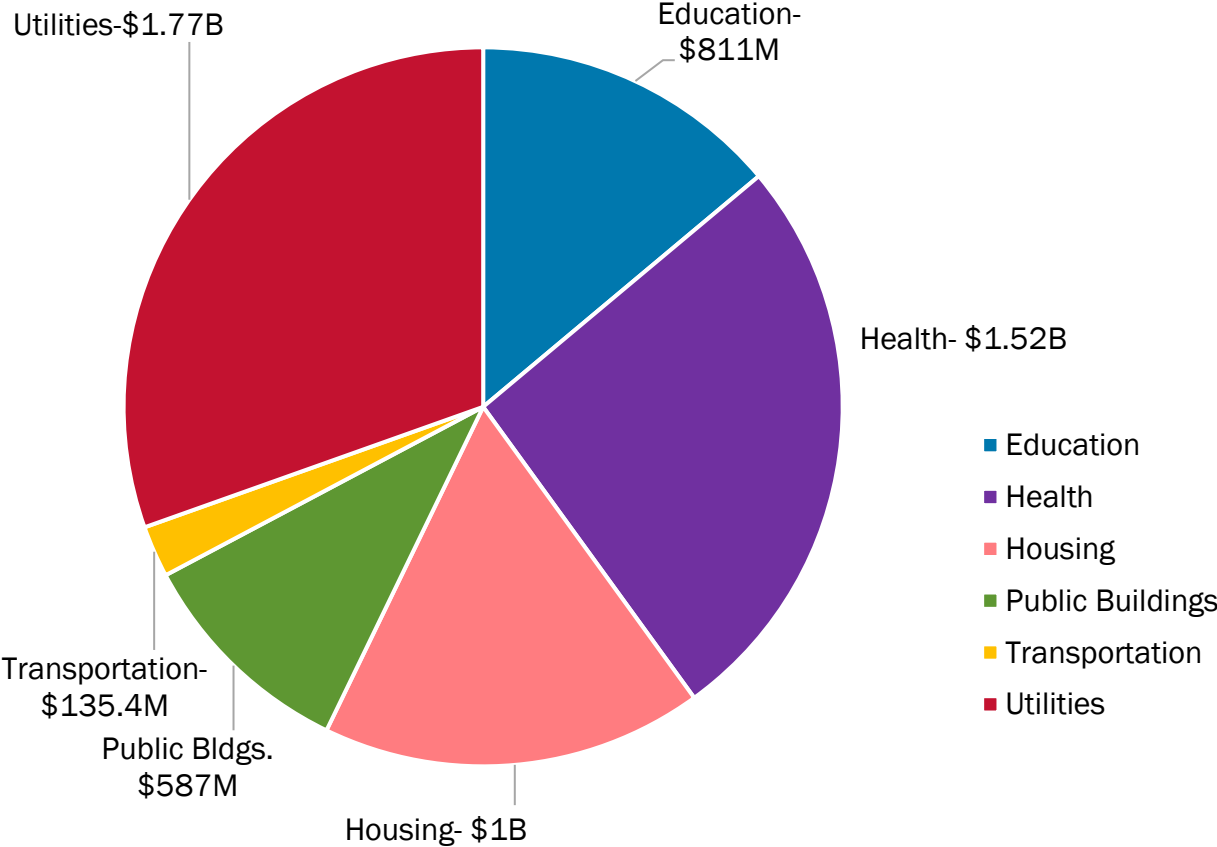
- Hurricane Maria passed just south of the USVI near St. Croix late September 19, 2017, as a Category 5 hurricane. Impacts associated with Hurricane Maria resulted in major structural damage to residential housing, buildings, critical facilities and power distribution systems.
- Incident Period: September 16, 2017 - September 22, 2017
- Major Disaster Declaration declared on September 20, 2017



Public Assistance by the Numbers

- Total Estimated Projects – 1578
- Total Estimated Projects’ Cost - \$18.1B
- Total Projects Obligated - 1480
- Total Obligated Amount - \$5.8B
- Recent Obligations
 - CAT Z projects - \$98M on July 24, 2023
 - Estate Fortuna Fire Station - \$7.3M on July 12, 2023
 - Knud Hansen Tower - \$16.4M on June 26, 2023

Disbursements by Sector



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Section 428 PAAP/Bipartisan Budget Act Projects

- **Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018**
 - Critical service/facility
 - Restoration to industry standards
 - 64 projects/229 facilities approved for replacement
 - 63% of facilities eligible for replacement
 - Obligated funding – \$1.81B

Sector	Projects Approved	Obligations
Education	31	\$512M
Public Buildings	47	\$129M
Housing	31	\$200M
Health	13	\$1.27B
Utilities	4	\$25M
Transportation	35	\$71M
Total	161	\$2.21B



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Hazard Mitigation

Sec. 406 Mitigation

- **Permanent Work - \$925.5M**
 - Roads and Bridges - \$22M
 - Buildings and Equipment - \$29.8M
 - Utilities - \$872.4M
 - Parks/Recreational Facilities - \$1.3M
- **Benefit Cost Analysis - \$2.5B**
 - WAPA Composite Poles and Undergrounding

Sec. 404 HMGP

- Aligned with Recipient mitigation strategy
- Approved funding threshold - \$1.28B
- Applications submitted - \$1.58B/179 projects
- **Total obligations: \$178.3M**
 - Mgmt. Costs: \$18.9M
 - Phase 1 A/E: \$131.5M
 - Phase 2 Construction: \$27.9M
 - Projected Phase 2 obligations: \$423.4M



Environmental and Historic Preservation

- **Challenges**
 - Incomplete Scopes of Work
 - Noncompliance to EHP project conditions
 - Lack of EHP Compliance Review prior to start of work

- **Significant Environmental and Historic Preservation Considerations**
 - Coastal zone considerations
 - Ground disturbance to pre-historic/indigenous sites
 - Consideration of historically designated/eligible properties and districts
 - Critical habitats for migratory birds, turtle nesting areas, and endangered species

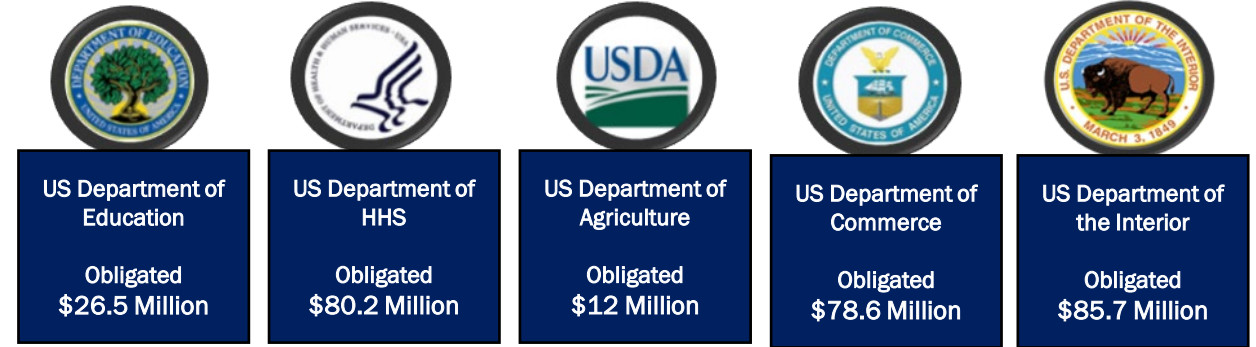


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Interagency Recovery Coordination

- Other Federal Agency Funding

- \$1.4B total funding
- 9 federal partner agencies



- Interagency Agreements

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Dept. of Transportation
- Dept. of Energy
- Dept. of Defense/Naval Post-graduate School



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