

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Grants to Virgin Island Organizations and Individuals from Fiscal Years 2019 through 2023 – \$1,385,155

Total Number of Awards – 9

Award Highlight:

The University of the Virgin Islands received a Digital Humanities Advancement grant from NEH
to support "Community Conversations: A Digitized Cultural Preservation Project in the United
States Virgin Islands." This project will train University students in the best practices of oral
history research, collection, and preservation while capturing the rich history, languages, and
cultures of the Virgin Islands.

NEH also provides annual funding to the <u>Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands</u>, the interim partner humanities council in the jurisdiction, to support a wide array of public programming.

Recent Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands Highlights:

- Gifft Hill School received a subaward for a series of professional development workshops that
 will empower teachers to be ambassadors for Virgin Islands history and heritage. The
 workshops are designed and taught by local culture-bearers and experts to empower teachers
 with the knowledge they need to celebrate Caribbean history and culture within their
 classrooms
- Awarded a grant to the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts to support research on the Windmills of St. Croix and to identify historic estates that used animal-powered mills, not windmills, to crush sugar cane. The research and accompanying website will provide insight about the sugar-producing history of St. Croix that shaped its landscape, economy, and population.

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