

# St. Croix Foundation for Community Development CARE GRANT FUNDING GUIDELINES

#### **Grant Cycle & Reporting Requirements**

- Applications will be accepted from June 18 through July 23, 2018 from St. Croix based non-profit organizations. Grant award letters will be distributed by August 31, 2018.
- CARE Grants will be awarded to projects that will be completed within one year.
- Grant applications must request a minimum of \$1,000. Application requests with a projected budget in excess of \$20,000 must identify additional funding sources to support the project.
- One grant application per organization must be submitted/will be accepted.
- Final reports are required for <u>all</u> projects upon completion of the project (at year end); for projects whose duration is a full year, interim reports will be required. **Note:** St. Croix Foundation will be conducting random site visits during the grant cycle.

### Criteria

Organizations eligible for a CARE Grant must supply and meet the following criteria:

- Be a 501(c)3 organization registered with the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) or one that is operating as a fiscal sponsored project of a 501(c)3 organization; or
- Be a registered non-profit organization for five (5) years or more with a current letter of good standing from the Lieutenant Governors Office of the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Have a corporate name on file and approved through the Lieutenant Governor's Office of the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Indicate a clear and substantive fit within one or more focus area:
  - Development of services and/or programs that address needs directly related to hurricane survivors/recovery.
  - Capacity building to allow expansion of existing services and/or personnel expansion that directly relates to needs of hurricane survivors or recovery.
  - Reconstruction of facility(ies) necessary for conducting programs that directly relate to needs of hurricane survivors or recovery. (Please submit two (2) quotes and a valid business license for all construction projects prior to work being completed).

## **Priorities of the St. Croix Foundation**

As a community development nonprofit organization, St. Croix Foundation's priorities also include:

- Organizations or programs where grant resources have the potential for significant impact, typically small to mid-size organizations/programs that are poised for growth.
- Innovative and effective model programs with potential for replication that can contribute to solutions to issues addressed by the Focus Areas.
- Organizations and/or projects that can indicate shared work and/or a deep collaboration with entities within their field of focus or cross-sector collaborations.
- Opportunities to encourage philanthropy by leveraging Foundation resources to stimulate funding from other sources and help build a global philanthropic community.
- Fiscal responsibility.
- Programs that address the needs of underprivileged/at-risk children ages 5 to 18 with a meaningful, yet fun, learning experience during the critical out of school hours in a safe environment.

## St. Croix Foundation CARE Grant Does Not Fund:

- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of religion, gender, sexual identity, race, ethnicity, political beliefs, or disabilities; Specific religious activities or beliefs or organizations that require adherence to a specific religion or belief
- Lobbying or political activities
- Any commercial business purpose
- Any litigation that is underway, contemplated, or completed, or organizations that use litigation as a primary tool to carry out its mission
- Private foundations, Type III supporting organizations, or other organizations that require expenditure responsibility by the Foundation
- Endowments, special events, or annual funds
- Direct grants to individuals
- Construction or repairs to privately owned home offices or structures