

# Congress of the United States

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House of Representatives

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority Bovoni Landfill Specialty Equipment** project in fiscal year 2027. The public entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 6196 Estate Glynn, Kingshill, St. Croix, VI 00850. The anticipated location of the project is Bovoni Landfill, 8467 Landfill Road, Estate Bovoni, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

The requested funding of \$1,100,000 would be used by the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA) to purchase a landfill wheel compactor for the Bovoni Landfill on St. Thomas. VIWMA is the sole provider of solid waste management for the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Bovoni Landfill accepts approximately 42,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually and currently lacks the dedicated compaction equipment required for efficient, safe, and environmentally compliant operations. The facility operates under a federal consent decree. Without a compactor, waste remains loosely packed, creating oxygen-rich conditions that fuel recurring landfill fires — including the September 2023 fire that burned for over a week, triggered a territorial State of Emergency, and cost the Territory nearly \$2 million. A landfill wheel compactor will densify waste to reduce fire risk, preserve limited landfill airspace, enable federally mandated daily cover practices, and extend the operational lifespan of the facility. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly protect public health, reduce emergency response costs, and support the Territory's compliance with federal environmental requirements.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett  
Member of Congress