

# 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 Compact Garbage Trucks** 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 8467 Landfill Rd., Estate Bovoni, St. Thomas, USVI 00802.

The requested funding of \$716,000 would be used by the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA) to purchase four compact garbage trucks for waste collection operations on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John. VIWMA is the sole provider of solid waste management services for the U.S. Virgin Islands. The terrain of St. Thomas and St. John — characterized by steep hills, narrow and winding roads, dense neighborhoods, and limited access points — prevents standard full-size garbage trucks from safely or reliably serving many residential areas, resulting in missed collections, illegal waste set-outs, litter accumulation, and public health risks. Four compact 8-yard rear-loader trucks, equipped with four-wheel drive capability and automated cart tipplers, will enable VIWMA to access constrained routes currently unreachable by larger vehicles, improve route reliability and service coverage, and strengthen system resilience following storm events. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly improve public health protections, reduce dependence on contracted haulers in challenging service areas, and support a more reliable and equitable waste collection system for all residents of St. Thomas and St. John.

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