

BILL NO. 31-0498

Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

December 19, 2016

An Act providing funding for repairs at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center from the Community Facilities Trust Account

PROPOSED BY: Senator Neville A. James by Request of the Governor

WHEREAS, the Community Facilities Trust Account was established in accordance with Act No. 7012, which ratified the Agreement between Diageo USVI, Inc., and the Government of the United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Community Facilities Trust Account funds are to be utilized for the development, operations and maintenance of community and/or sports facilities or urban redevelopment projects on St. Croix and similar facilities and projects on St. Thomas/St. John or Water Island; and

WHEREAS, such projects must be recommended by the Governor and subject to the approval by the Legislature; and

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WHEREAS, the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center has expressed a need for the funding in order to address certain deficiencies noted by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

WHEREAS, the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center desires to address certain projects at the hospital facility to ensure continued compliance with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as well as other accrediting institutions; and

WHEREAS, the projects require the recommendation of the Governor of the Virgin Islands subject to the approval of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Virgin Islands has formally recommended that funds from the Communities Facilities Trust Account be used for the repairs at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center; Now Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The sum \$5,000,000 is allocated to the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center from the Community Facilities Trust Account to address deficiencies cited by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services and for repairs and renovations to the hospital facility to maintain accreditation standards.

SECTION 2. The Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority may disburse the funds allocated in section 1 to the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center.

Bill Summary

This bill provides funding for the repairs at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center from the Community Facilities Trust Fund Account.