

# MARINE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



A Place of Promise, Opportunity, and Prosperity. Welcome to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The **Mission** of the V.I. Economic Development Authority is to accelerate the economic development of the Virgin Islands by providing financial and technical assistance to industrial and commercial enterprise to create and save jobs in the community.

## SHORT-TERM GOALS

1. To provide financial resources, including but not limited to loan guarantees, medium term credit, and equity infusions to small, medium and large marine businesses located in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
2. To provide financial, technical and managerial assistance to ensure the continued viability of these businesses.
3. To encourage large corporate investment, facilitate employment growth opportunities, and promote the location of financial services enterprises within the Virgin Islands.
4. To compile and disseminate financial, statistical data of all types related to the economy of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## LONG-TERM GOALS

1. To maintain the economic stability of small, medium and large marine related businesses located in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
2. To encourage the development of entrepreneurial opportunities for residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands.
3. To provide assistance to new and emerging business entities in order that they may grow into mainstream commercial banking customers.
4. To provide performance bonds to small local contractors.

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# AVAILABLE LOAN PROGRAMS



## **FINANCING TO CREATE, PURCHASE OR EXPAND EXISTING MARINE BUSINESSES FOR INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

- The minimum loan amount is \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000;
- Interest rate is based on the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 1.5%;
- Up to 75% financing;
- 25% injection of the total project cost;
- Up to a 10-year amortization;
- Local decision making;
- No prepayment penalties;
- A one-time lump sum for purchases or a disbursement of funds throughout the construction schedule;
- Residency restrictions vary by program. (See Program Guidelines for More Information)

## **STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

Created by the 2010 Small Business Jobs Act to support small business lending and encourage financial institutions to be more aggressive in their lending activities.

**COLLATERAL SUPPORT** –Supplies pledged cash collateral to lending institutions to enhance collateral coverage on individual small business loans; up to 50% limited to \$500,000 per borrower

**LOAN GUARANTEE** – A Loan Guarantee Program enables small marine businesses to obtain term loans or lines of credit by providing a lender with the necessary security, in the form of a partial guarantee, for the lender to approve a loan or line-of-credit; up to 50% of loan or project cost

**PAYMENT, PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND PROGRAM** – Provides enhancement to any participating bank or surety company on behalf of qualified contractors; up to 30% of the bond amount required.

**PLEASE NOTE - THE VIEDA ONLY PROVIDES FINANCING FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BASED ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY.**