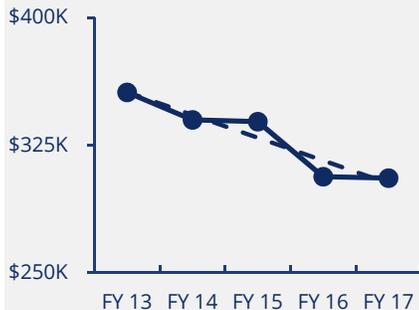


HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

HPP FUNDING

14% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- The US Virgin Islands (USVI) uses HPP funds to maintain an emergency preparedness system for the 103,000 inhabitants of the island chain
- The USVI engaged in readiness planning and exercising in early 2017, with the rest of the year devoted to responding to back-to-back Hurricanes Irma and Maria
- The USVI continues to engage health care system partners in the building of a highly functional coalition

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of hospitals



of Emergency Medical Services



of public health departments



of emergency management organizations

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE: Hurricanes Irma and Maria

- In September 2017, Hurricane Irma hit the USVI, quickly followed by Hurricane Maria
- The hurricanes caused widespread damage throughout the island, severely damaging the USVI's two hospitals
- Equipment purchased with HPP funds was used in the hospital response effort and in ongoing preparedness activities
- The HPP health department staff along with emergency planning members responded to the event. The coalition is currently under development but the response team will be part of the coalition when fully formed

FY 2018 PRIORITIES

- **Continue to Develop Health Care Coalition:** Support the development of the USVI's HCC by continuing recruitment efforts to encourage participation of health care system members
- **Increase Information Sharing:** Develop a highly functioning information sharing system to effectively exchange data with partners while ensuring appropriate privacy protection
- **Enhance Volunteer Program:** Continue work on developing a viable volunteer management program that is capable of recruiting, registering and credentialing health care professionals



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