

# Trade & Economic Transition DWG



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Grantee



ICF Incorporated, LLC

Targeted Populations



Dislocated Workers

## Funding Announcement

[Training & Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) No. 2-18](#)

[Additional DWG Resources](#)



Trade and Economic Transition National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWG), with funding of up to \$100 million for each award, \$8 million for each individual award. This grant will enable successful applicants to address ongoing or emerging workforce and economic challenges by providing training and career services to dislocated workers seeking reentry into the workforce, and increasing their skill levels to become competitive for growing or high-demand employment opportunities.



Planned Participants Served  
**337**



Total Award Amount  
**\$4,997,845**



## Economic Transition Factors

The United States Virgin Islands has approximately 106,000 residents, a labor force of 45,000 and 41,000 employed. In September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria had a devastating impact on the United States Virgin Islands. The two back-to-back Category 5 storms caused an estimated \$10.76 billion in damage; \$6.9 billion to infrastructure, \$2.3 billion to housing, and \$1.5 billion to the economy.



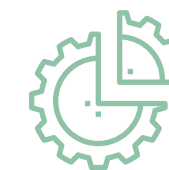
Project Service Area

Period of Award: September 2018-September 2020



## Proposal Summary

Significant physical and economic damage was caused by the two hurricanes, which created physical as well as psychological damage to the economy. By providing an immediate source of talent to the construction and trades industry, the infrastructure of the Virgin Islands can be repaired and strengthened. Replacing roads and bridges that have been washed away and creating a reliable source of energy and communication will encourage more businesses to reopen and expand commerce internally to the Islands as well as from outside the VI in the form of tourism.



## Sectors of Focus

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Leisure & Hospitality



## Proposed Outcome

The development of a highly skilled workforce, combined with quality of life efforts such as reliable health care, will attract more businesses to invest in opportunities in the Virgin Islands. This investment coupled with the strength of the existing business community will increase the tax revenue collected by the Government of the Virgin Islands, which will make it able to invest Territory funds for future workforce initiatives.