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\$1.3Mil in UIMod incentive funds to USVI	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr ess/ETA/ETA20101447.htm	Press Release	US Labor Department announces more than \$1.3 million in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to US Virgin Islands	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$1,335,274 in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to the U.S. Virgin Islands. The territory qualified for these funds, which account for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, by making unemployment benefits available to part-time workers and by including certain family-friendly provisions in its UI law. "Unemployed workers with recent work experience deserve to be able to qualify for UI benefits, and these funds will make that possible," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Unemployment insurance modernization also will ensure that workers seeking part-time work and those who become unemployed for compelling family reasons will be eligible for benefits." The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Labor can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services. "The U.S. Department of Labor's announcement today represents a major boost to the Virgin Islands workforce," said Gov. John P. DeJongh Jr. "Through the V.I. Department of Labor, my administration made updating the UI program a priority, and today's announcement underscores our	5	\$1.3Mi;UIMod funds; USVI					

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Grant for Virginians for health insurance	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr ess/ETA/ETA20101455.htm	Press Release	US Department of Labor announces grant to help Virginians looking for work cover health insurance payments	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$3,008,790 grant to provide an estimated 1,868 jobless workers in Virginia with partial premium payments for health insurance coverage. "The challenges associated with a job search are stressful enough without worrying about a lack of health insurance if the job seeker or a family member falls ill or needs medical attention," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Helping these Virginians maintain insurance coverage as they seek reemployment is one way we can ensure the state's working families get the support they need and deserve." The grant, awarded to the Virginia Community College System and operated by the Virginia Employment Commission, will be used to make insurance payments for unemployed individuals who are receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits and who are eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit program. Through the HCTC, eligible individuals can receive 80 percent of premium costs for qualified health insurance programs. Funds announced today will be used to make payments that cover the "gap period," that is, the time it takes to complete Internal Revenue Service enrollment, processing and first payments through the HCTC program. Through today's grant,	10/20/2010 10:00AM	Grant;Virginians;health insurance
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