# **Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet**

# VIRGIN ISLANDS

Never Funded

## Federal TBI Program

More than 3.17 million Americans live with a disability as a result of a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Many of these individuals and their families are confronted with inadequate or unavailable TBI services and supports. Passage of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996 (PL 104-166) signaled a national recognition of the need to improve state TBI service systems. The Act authorized the Health Resources and Services Administration to award grants to States for the purpose of planning and implementing needed health and related service systems changes.

## Lead State Agency

Virgin Islands Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services Division

#### Virgin Island's Grant History

Virgin Islands have never received a TBI State Grant.

#### **Grant Objectives**

N/A

#### **Progress**

N/A

## **Continuing Effort**

Virgin Islands' Department Of Health recognizes that Traumatic Brain Injury continues to be a significant cause of disability locally and for millions of Americans nationally. The Department of Health continues to try to identify funding to implement a Traumatic Brain Injury program that will provide the resources so that all individuals with TBI and their families will have accessible, available, acceptable, and appropriate services and supports

#### For Further Information

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