

# Virgin Islands

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

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## Big Wins

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The VI SBEAP was still available helping small businesses through the COVID Pandemic by virtual site assessments, answering environmental compliance questions via telephone, and emails providing information and resources. Our partnership with SBA provided webinars and limited walk-in assistance.

## Challenges

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The VI SBEAP current challenges is staffing. The program has only has 1 FTE that covers 3 islands with a total of 1,196 Small Businesses.

*Congratulations Jasmine, we will miss you!* — ANONYMOUS

## 2021 / 2022 Excitement & Priorities

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The fiscal year 2021/2022 looks bright, hopefully to gain at least 2 FTE one on St. Thomas and St. Croix to better assist the small business sectors, and revamp and update our website with more information. SBEAP will continue to in helping small businesses

achieve compliance through collaborative non-enforcement methods, and best management practices to protect the environment.

## Help Wanted

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The VI SBEAP needs assistance with the Garage and Auto Repair shops sector regarding the 6H Rule implementation and certification. This sector is our biggest

Air pollutant and noncompliance sector.

## Structure and Stats (Where are you housed? and How many Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)?)

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The VI SBEAP is housed in the Division of Environmental Protection of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources with 1 FTE.

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