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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will send \$62.45 million to the territory for residential community solar and power storage projects, federal officials announced Monday. Awarded through the Solar for All grant program, the funding is meant to allow the Virgin Islands Energy Office to develop long-lasting solar programs that enable low ...

Several solar energy projects, including those supported by the U.S. Department of Energy, are already underway in the territory. By transitioning to renewable energy, the USVI not only reduces its environmental impact but also sets an example for other island nations and regions striving for energy sustainability in the face of climate change.



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The Donoe solar farm in St. Thomas, U.S Virgin Islands was originally built in 2015 but sustained significant damage during the 2017 hurricane season. In 2019, BMR Energy agreed to acquire the site of the original solar farm and closed on the purchase in 2020.



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