

# The Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority Entrepreneurship Training Workshop

**Location: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands**

**Status of County: Distressed**

**Project Timeframe: August 2019 – October 2019**

**Type of Assistance: Technical Assistance**



Picture taken during workshop



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Thomas,\\_U.S.\\_Virgin\\_Islands#/media/File:US\\_Virgin\\_Islands\\_admin\\_divisions.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Thomas,_U.S._Virgin_Islands#/media/File:US_Virgin_Islands_admin_divisions.png)

Georgia Tech Economic Development Administration University Center (GT EDA UC) team members held two, four hour workshops on Entrepreneurship Development and Creating Your Own Business Model Canvas in the US Virgin Islands (USVI) in October, 2019 in partnership with the USVI Economic Development Authority and USVI Small Business Development Centers in St. Thomas and St. Croix. The islands were included in the 2019 annual list of distressed or underserved nonmetropolitan middle-income geographies published by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC)

The purpose of the workshop presented by GT EDA UC was to support small local businesses as well as entrepreneurs who were looking to start their own companies. The St. Thomas full day workshop was held on October 22, 2019 with a total of 22 participants. The St. Croix full day workshop was held on October 24, 2019 with a total of six participants. There was several mentoring follow up meetings with five of the attendees, but no future activities are planned at this time. Their recent economy was

severely impacted by the series of hurricanes including Hurricane Maria which destroyed much of the island in 2019. Given the devastation on the island at that time, the number of attendees was impressive.

