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Southland Gaming Launches Subsidy Program To Support Our Horsemen

St. Thomas, 01/31/2024 – Southland Gaming of the Virgin Islands (SGVI) is proud to announce the launch of a subsidy program as part of our ongoing commitment to revitalizing the horse racing industry in the Virgin Islands. This initiative reflects SGVI's concern for the challenges of our local horsemen and our dedication to supporting the horseracing community.

SGVI will offer a subsidy of \$1,000.00 for each prospective racehorse and \$550.00 for each non-thoroughbred pony training at the Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack. This subsidy aims to assist with the costs of feed, bedding, and other essentials.

SGVI maintained its commitment to engagement with key stakeholders and provided a comprehensive update on the current progress of the track at the St. Thomas Horse Racing Commission Meeting on January 25, 2024, which included the Commissioner of the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation and horsemen.

"We regard these strategic steps as essential for the success of the upcoming racing season. With this subsidy program, SGVI reaffirms its commitment to preserving and enhancing horse racing – a sport that not only entertains but also embodies the spirit and cultural heritage of the greater Virgin Islands.," Shaine Gaspard, Chief Operating Officer for Southland Gaming.

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