

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The Native Hawaiian Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program: To award grants to Native Hawaiian educational organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction conducted in the Native Hawaiian language for (1) the development of curricula to address the needs of Native Hawaiian elementary and secondary students, which may include programs of instruction conducted in the Native Hawaiian language and mathematics and science curricula incorporating the relevant application of Native Hawaiian culture and traditions; (2) preteacher training to ensure that student teachers within the State, particularly those who are likely to be employed in schools with a high concentration of Native Hawaiian students, are prepared to better address the unique needs of Native Hawaiian students within the context of Native Hawaiian culture, language and traditions; (3) inservice teacher training to ensure that teachers, particularly those who are likely to be employed in schools with a high concentration of Native Hawaiian students, are prepared to better address the unique needs of Native Hawaiian students within the context of Native Hawaiian culture, language and traditions; and (4) the development and implementation of teacher recruitment programs.

Eligible Applicants: Native Hawaiian educational organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction conducted in the Native Hawaiian language.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 7, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 7, 1997.

Available Funds: \$500,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

Estimated Size of Awards: \$500,000.

Note: These estimates are projections for the guidance of potential applicants. The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, and 85.

Supplementary Information: The Native Hawaiian Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program supports, among other things, the development of mathematics and science curricula incorporating the relevant application of Native Hawaiian culture and traditions. One field of study that is particularly suited to this program is aquaculture. Aquaculture, the science of the cultivation of marine life, is rooted in Hawaiian culture. A comprehensive aquaculture program would assist Native Hawaiian students in reaching challenging standards in science and mathematics in an intellectually stimulating environment and give them a greater understanding and appreciation of their Native Hawaiian culture.

Invitational Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), the Secretary invites applications from eligible organizations or entities that would develop and implement a comprehensive aquaculture program that would be conducted in remote or rural areas of the Hawaiian Islands. While the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet this priority, these applications will not receive preference over applications that fail to meet the priority.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary will use the following selection criteria in 34

CFR 75.210 to evaluate applications under this competition. The maximum score for all of the selection criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion is as follows:

- (a) *Meeting the purposes of the authorizing statute*—20 points.
- (b) *Extent of need for the project*—20 points.
- (c) *Plan of operation*—20 points.
- (d) *Quality of key personnel*—10 points.
- (e) *Budget and cost effectiveness*—10 points.
- (f) *Evaluation plan*—15 points.
- (g) *Adequacy of resources*—5 points.

For Applications or Information Contact: Beth Baggett, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Portals 4500, Washington, D.C. 20202-6140. Telephone (202) 260-2502. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/money.html>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7909.

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