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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****[CFDA No. 84.358A]****Small, Rural School Achievement Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing application deadline.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we establish the deadline for submission of fiscal year (FY) 2007 SRSA grant applications.

If an eligible LEA submitted an application for SRSA grant funds in a

prior year, it is considered to have met the application requirement based on its previously submitted application and does not have to submit a new application to the Department to receive its FY 2007 SRSA grant award.

An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application (in other words, an LEA that did not submit an application in a prior year) must do so by the deadline in this notice in order to receive its grant award by September 30, 2007. An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application and does not do so by the deadline in this notice might not receive its grant award until after September 30, 2007.

**Application Deadline:** June 1, 2007, 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Which LEAs are eligible for an award under the SRSA program?**

An LEA is eligible for an award under the SRSA program if—

(a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600, or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and

(b) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department's National Center for Education Statistics, or the Secretary has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the SEA, that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State.

**Which eligible LEAs need not submit an additional application to receive a FY 2007 SRSA grant award?**

Under the regulations in 34 CFR 75.104(a), the Secretary makes grants only to an eligible party that submits an application. Given the limited purpose served by an application under this program, the Secretary considers this requirement to be met if the LEA submitted an SRSA application for a prior year. In this circumstance, unless the LEA advises the Secretary by the application deadline that it is withdrawing its application, the Secretary deems the application that the LEA previously submitted to remain in effect for FY 2007 funding, and the LEA does not have to submit an additional application. All other eligible LEAs must submit a new application to receive a FY 2007 grant award.

We intend to provide, by May 1, 2007, a list of LEAs eligible for FY 2007 funds on the Department's Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html>. The Web site will also

indicate which of these eligible LEAs must submit a new application to the Department to receive their FY 2007 SRSA grant award, and which eligible LEAs are considered already to have met the application requirement.

Eligible LEAs that must submit a new application in order to receive FY 2007 SRSA funding must do so electronically by the deadline established in this notice in order to receive their grant by September 30, 2007.

**Electronic Submission of Applications:** Unless it is listed on the Department's Web site as not required to submit a new application, an eligible LEA that seeks FY 2007 SRSA funding must submit an electronic application by June 1, 2007, 4:30 p.m. Eastern time in order to receive its grant award by September 30, 2007. Submission of an electronic application involves the use of the Department's Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available through the Department's e-GRANTS system.

You can access the electronic application for the SRSA Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

Once you access this site, you will receive specific instructions regarding the information to include in your application.

The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until midnight, Saturday (Washington, DC time). Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, Federal holidays, and after 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for maintenance (Washington, DC time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Hitchcock, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E243, Washington, DC 20202. **Telephone:** (202) 401-0039 or via Internet: [reap@ed.gov](mailto:reap@ed.gov).

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 7345-7345b.

Dated: March 20, 2007.

**Kerri Briggs,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Overview Information; Native Hawaiian Education Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.362A.

*Dates:*

*Applications Available:* March 23, 2007.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 7, 2007.

**Eligible Applicants:** Native Hawaiian educational organizations; Native Hawaiian community-based organizations; public and private nonprofit organizations, agencies, and institutions with experience in developing or operating Native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction in the Native Hawaiian language, and consortia of the previously mentioned organizations, agencies, and institutions.

**Estimated Available Funds:** \$3,800,000. Contingent upon the availability of funds and quality of applications, the Secretary may make additional awards for FY 2008 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$250,000-\$650,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$425,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 9.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

**Project Period:** Up to 36 months.

### Full Text of Announcement

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Purpose of Program:** The purpose of the Native Hawaiian Education program

is to support innovative projects that enhance the educational services provided to Native Hawaiian children and adults. These projects may include those activities authorized under section 7205(a)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA).

**Priorities:** In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), competitive preference priorities (a) through (d) are from section 7205(a)(2) of the ESEA and competitive preference priority (e) is from the notice of final priorities for discretionary grant programs published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2006 (71 FR 60045).

**Competitive Preference Priorities:** For FY 2007, and any subsequent year in which we make awards based on the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award a maximum of 5 points (total) to an application, depending on the extent to which the application meets one or more of these priorities.

The Secretary will give a competitive preference to applicants proposing projects that are designed to address one or more of the following:

(a) Beginning reading and literacy among students in kindergarten through third grade;

(b) The needs of at-risk children and youth;

(c) The needs in fields or disciplines in which Native Hawaiians are underemployed;

(d) The use of the Hawaiian language in instruction; and

(e) Projects that support activities and interventions aimed at improving the academic achievement of secondary school students who are at greatest risk of not meeting challenging State academic standards and not completing high school.

**Note:** In order to receive additional points under a competitive preference priority, an application should provide adequate and sufficient information that clearly substantiates its claim that it meets each priority addressed.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 7511-7517; Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-5).

**Applicable Regulations:** (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The notice of final priorities for discretionary grant programs published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2006 (71 FR 60045).

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

#### II. Award Information

**Type of Award:** Discretionary grant.

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#### III. Eligibility Information

1. **Eligible Applicants:** Native Hawaiian educational organizations; Native Hawaiian community-based organizations; public and private nonprofit organizations, agencies, and institutions with experience in developing or operating Native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction in the Native Hawaiian language; and consortia of the previously mentioned organizations, agencies, and institutions.

2. **Cost Sharing or Matching:** This competition does not involve cost sharing or matching requirements, but the program does have a supplement-not-supplant funding requirement. Funds made available under this program may be used only to supplement and expand programs and authorities in the area of education to further the purposes of the Native Hawaiian Education program (section 7203(3) of the ESEA).

#### IV. Application and Submission Information

1. **Address to Request Application Package:** To obtain a copy of the application package via the Internet use the following address: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/nathawaiian/applicant.html>.

Individuals may also obtain a copy of the application package by contacting the program contact persons listed in this section.

**Address and mail your request for information to:** Francisco Ramirez, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., room 3W237, Washington, DC 20202-6200. Telephone: (202) 260-1541 or by e-mail: [francisco.ramirez@ed.gov](mailto:francisco.ramirez@ed.gov) or Beth Fine, U.S. Department of Education, 400