



DLT Awards - American Samoa

2004 Grant Award:

KVZK-TV, Office of Public Information

Pago Pago, American Samoa

\$499,794

Area(s) served: American Samoa, Manu'a Islands, and Samoa Islands

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Congressional District(s): AS-Delegate

KVZK-TV will utilize RUS grant funds to complete the conversion of their television studio to digital infrastructure. KVZK-TV's main objective is to enhance the distance learning capabilities of the station under this project. Once completed the station will be able to provide four program streams as well as three additional program streams which will include news, education, and public information. The project will serve approximately 60,000 residents in American Samoa.

2001 Grant Award:

American Samoa Community College

Pago Pago, American Samoa: \$411,989 Grant; Area(s) Served: Ta'U, Olesega, Aunu'u, Tutuila Islands: Contact: Adele Moaliitele; (011) (684) 699-7834, Fax: (684) 699-6259; Congressional Delegate: At-large.

American Samoa Community College (ASCC) will use RUS funds to create a network of distance learning electronic classrooms. This network of classrooms will provide educational opportunities for a wide variety of users, including students, educators, health care personnel and others, irrespective of their location or demographics. Educational opportunities are limited for the residents of America Samoa due to their location in the South Pacific Ocean and the cost of traveling between the islands. Project 2000 will provide connections with educational facilities on the mainland to offer the residents of American Samoa an economical, and high quality, way of continuing their education. Project 2000 will also provide access to remedial classes to assist those with special needs. This will open opportunities to improve the job skills of the workforce, help farmers learn modern agricultural techniques, and to generally further cultural awareness. This project will have an impact on approximately 30 schools and 16,326 students.



1996 Grant Award:

American Samoa Power Authority

Pago Pago, American Samoa; \$138,955 Grant;

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American Samoa is the most geographically remote of all US insular Areas. It is a group of seven islands in the South Pacific Ocean, located more than 2300 miles from its nearest US neighbor (Hawaii) and is the only US soil in the Southern Hemisphere. Its remoteness, size and limited financial resources have a profound impact on health care and education. The American Samoa Power Authority will administer a project using RUS grant funds to create a telecommunications satellite link between the LBJ Tropical Medical Center and the PEACE SAT Network, in Hawaii, that will provide access to numerous telemedicine and medical information resources. Voice, data, and video capabilities will allow case consultation and diagnostic series from several Hawaii and US mainland hospitals and distance learning classes would also be available for health professionals. The proposed system will provide similar benefits for the AS Community College, allowing it to offer local teachers and students numerous training and educational opportunities currently not available to Samoan residents. It is expected that all residents of the American Samoa will benefit from the telemedicine project.