

B-WET BAY WATERSHED EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAM

Summary

Since 2004, the B-WET Hawai'i Program has supported learning opportunities and stewardship of Hawaii's natural resources by increasing the environmental literacy of students and teachers. Community groups, nonprofit organizations, and state and local governments, as well as K-12 students and teachers, have benefited from B-WET Hawai'i Program through its grants and special projects.

Competitive Grants

The grant program funds projects that promote meaningful outdoor experiences for students and /or professional development opportunities for teachers in environmental education. B-WET Hawai'i grants focus on: earth systems sciences, climate change and community resilience to hazards.

Through B-WET, students have assessed water quality, restored habitats, and used geospatial technology to record and track collected data. Teachers and education professionals involved with the B-WET Hawai'i Program are equipped with information they can share with their students and communities for many years to come.

Priority Areas:

- 1) Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for Students
 - Weaves together classroom learning with field experiences
 - Sustained Activity
 - Aligns with State of Hawai'i and national standards of learning
- 2) Professional Development for Teachers
 - Reinforces a teacher's ability to teach, inspire, & lead
 - Teachers learn why and how to use inquiry based learning in their classrooms

Target Areas: Funds are available for eligible applicants throughout the State of Hawai'i.

Eligible Applicants: K-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, nonprofit and for profit organizations, state or local government agencies, and Indian tribal governments.

Available funding: B-WET funds are appropriated each year by Congress and may be available for up to three successive years for a single project. Applicants can request between \$10,000-\$100,000 per year for a single project. B-WET funds can be used for a variety of expenses to conduct programs including: buses, stipends, travel, substitutes, supplies, and professional evaluators.

To learn more about the B-WET Hawai'i Program contact Stephanie Bennett at Stephanie.Bennett@noaa.gov, or visit our website at: www.csc.noaa.gov/psc/bwet.html

