



Native Hawaiian Education Council

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USDOE Announces Workshops on How to Apply for \$9.5 Million in Competitive Grants

“United States Department of Education employees Francisco Ramirez and Beth Fine will be traveling from Washington D.C. to Hawaii the week of February 13th through 18th to provide information to interested parties about how to apply for approximately \$9.5 million in funds available under the Native Hawaiian Education Act,” said Colin Kippen, executive director of the Native Hawaiian Education Council, the local agency responsible for ‘assessing, evaluating, and coordinating’ activities under that Act. “They will be accompanied by Kamuela Chun of the Native Hawaiian Education Council as well as myself,” said Kippen.

“These federal grants created under the Native Hawaiian Education Act are designed to support innovative projects that increase the education of Native Hawaiian students,” said Kippen, “and we encourage as many organizations as possible to apply.”

“Competitive preferences will be awarded for grant applications addressing beginning reading literacy of Native Hawaiian students in kindergarten through third grade, the needs of at-risk Native Hawaiian children and youth, the needs of Native Hawaiians in fields or disciplines in which they are underemployed, and the use of Hawaiian language in instruction,” said Kippen.

The awards are expected to be from \$375,000 to \$1,100,000 in size, approximately 20 in number, and cover a period of up to 36 months. The deadline for applying for these funds is March 24, 2006.

Workshops for those interested in learning more about how to apply for these grants will be held at the following locations and on the following dates:

■ West Oahu

Monday, February 13, 2006
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Ma'ili Elementary, Library
87-360 Kula'āupuni St.

■ Central O'ahu

Monday, February 13, 2006
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
JCCH, Manoa Grand Ballroom
2454 S. Beretania St.

■ East O'ahu

Tuesday, February 14, 2006
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Kahuku High & Intermediate School
56-490 Kamehameha Hwy.

■ Windward O'ahu

Tuesday, February 14, 2006
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate School, Library
41-1330 Kalaniana'ole Hwy.

■ Maui & Lāna'i

Wednesday, February 15, 2006
11:00 a.m – 12:30 p.m.

- This workshop can be attended via polycom (two-way teleconferencing network between Kahului and Lāna'i)

UH – Maui Community College, Ka'a'ike 103
310 W. Ka'ahumanu Ave.

UH – MCC, Lāna'i Education Center
329 7th St.

■ Moloka'i

Wednesday, February 15, 2006
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Kualapu'u Elementary School, Cafeteria
260 Farrington Hwy.

■ Waimea, Kaua'i
Thursday, February 16, 2006
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
West Kaua'i Technology & Visitor Center
9565 Kaumuali'i Hwy.

■ Lihue, Kaua'i
Thursday, February 16, 2006
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, Kaua'i Unit
4530 Kali Rd.

■ Waimea, Hawai'i
Friday, February 17, 2006
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Kahilu Town Hall / YMCA
Waimea

■ Hilo, Hawai'i
Thursday, February 16, 2006
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
UH – Hawai'i Community College, Bldg. 379, Rm. 1
200 W. Kawili St.

For further information about the federal Native Hawaiian Education Program, including the FY 2006 awards process, please contact Beth Fine, or Francisco Ramirez, U.S. Department of Education, at: (202) 260-1091 or (202) 260-1541. E-mail: beth.fine@ed.gov or francisco.ramirez@ed.gov. Further information and application materials can also be obtained at:

<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2006-1/012306c.html>

The application may be viewed and downloaded through grants.gov and on the Native Hawaiian Education Program website <http://www.ed.gov/programs/nathawaiian/applicant.html>-

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