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Federal Native Hawaiian Programs

Congress has enacted a number of programs for Native Hawaiians. Among the major federal Native Hawaiian programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) are the following:

Native Hawaiian Education Act (P.L. 107-110, Title VII, Part B)

- Authorizes and develops innovative educational programs to assist Native Hawaiians
- Provides direction and guidance to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies to focus resources, including resources made available under this part, on Native Hawaiian education, and to provide periodic assessment and data collection
- Supplements and expands programs and authorities in the area of education to further the purposes of this title; and
- Encourages the maximum participation of Native Hawaiians in planning and management of Native Hawaiian education programs.

Higher Education Act, Title III, Institutional Aid for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian serving institutions.

- Helps eligible institutions of higher education increase their self-sufficiency and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions.

Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 102-396)

- Raises the health status of Native Hawaiians living in Hawaii to the highest possible level through the provision of comprehensive health promotion and disease prevention services, as well as primary health services, and to provide existing Native Hawaiian health care programs with all resources necessary to effectuate this policy.

Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants (P.L. 106-569, Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act, §513)

- This program is patterned after the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program, but contains changes to address the housing needs and circumstances of Native Hawaiians. The NHHBG program authorizes HUD to make grants to the State of Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to carry out affordable housing activities for Native Hawaiian families who are

eligible to reside on the Hawaiian Home Lands. The DHHL must submit for HUD review a one-year and a 5-year housing plan containing the goals, mission, and methodology by which DHHL will accomplish its objectives during the grant period.

Loan Guarantees for Native Hawaiian Housing (P.L. 106-569, Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act, §514)

- This program is generally patterned after the Section 184 Indian Loan Guarantee program, but contains changes to address the housing needs and circumstances of Native Hawaiians. The purpose of the Loan Guarantee program is to provide access to sources of private mortgage financing to Native Hawaiian families who could not otherwise acquire housing financing because of the unique legal status of the Hawaiian Home Lands or as a result of a lack of access to private financial markets. Eligible borrowers include Native Hawaiian families who are eligible to reside on Hawaiian Home Lands, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or private nonprofit organizations experienced in the planning and development of affordable housing for Native Hawaiians. Loans are to be used to construct, acquire, or rehabilitate housing located on the Hawaiian Home Lands.

Native American Programs Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-644, as amended); shared program with Indians and Native American Pacific Islanders

- The purpose of this title is to promote the goal of economic and social self-sufficiency for American Indians, Native Hawaiians, other Native American Pacific Islanders (including American Samoan Natives), and Alaska Native.

Native American Employment and Training (P.L. 105-220, §166); shared program with Indians

- To support employment and training activities for Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian individuals in order: to develop more fully the academic, occupational, and literacy skills of such individuals; to make such individuals more competitive in the workforce; and to promote the economic and social development of Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities in accordance with the goals and values of such communities. Supplemental youth funding is also awarded to help low income Native American youth and Native Hawaiian youth, between the ages of 14 and 21, acquire the educational skills, training and the support needed to achieve academic and employment success and successfully transition to careers and productive adulthood.

Website Resources for Finding Grants

Please also visit the Grants section of my website for additional links and information:

<http://hirono.house.gov/Services/GrantResources.htm>

On this page, you can also sign-up for my monthly grants newsletter that will provide you with a list of existing grant opportunities from the federal government and non-governmental organizations you may qualify for.

Federal Resources

Current Federal Grants Postings (grants.com)

Check current federal grant postings and apply online.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (cfda.gov)

Describes over 1500 federal grants. Grant seekers can identify programs that might support their projects.

U.S. Government Web Portal (USA.gov)

Grant information for businesses, non-profits, and local government. Also provides an A-Z index of U.S. Departments and Agencies.

Federal Funds Express (house.gov/ffr/resources_all.shtml)

A resource page compiled for Congressional offices with information on a wide variety of public and private funding sources.

Small Business Administration (sba.gov)

Independent federal agency dedicated to assisting and protecting small businesses.

Patriot Express Pilot Loan Initiative (sba.gov/patriotexpress/index.html)

A Small Business Administration initiative for veterans and members of the military community wanting to establish or expand small businesses.

Community Oriented Policing Grants (cops.usdoj.gov)

COPS provides grants to tribal, state and local law enforcement agencies for the hiring of officers, upgrading of technology, and implementation of programs to reduce crime - including methamphetamine use.

Private Resources

Foundation Center (foundationcenter.org)

Provides information about more than 70,000 private and community foundations.

Grantsmanship Center (tgc.com)

Click on state map to find links to information about foundations, community foundations, and corporate giving programs in Indiana.