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Alaska Native-Serving and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions
Education Grants Program**

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The Alaska Native-Serving and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Education Grants Program, administered by the USDA-CSREES-SERD office of Multicultural Alliances and authorized by Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. section 1059d), is a competitive grants program designed to promote and strengthen the ability of Alaska Native-Serving and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions to carry out education programs that attract, retain, and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional work force. Projects may involve individual institutions, consortia, or cooperative initiatives between two or more Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian, or with other colleges and universities, units of government, or the private sector.

Only Alaska Native-Serving and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions are eligible to apply for grants under this program. An eligible 2- or 4-year college or university must: (1) have at least 20 percent Alaska Native students (where the term "Alaska native" has the meaning given the term in section 9308 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 [20 U.S.C. 7938]); or (2) for a Native Hawaiian-Serving Institution, at the time of application, it has an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 10 percent Native Hawaiian students (where the term "Native Hawaiian" has the meaning given the term in section 9212 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 [20 U.S.C. 7912] enrollment and meet other eligibility criteria.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, \$3,076,691 was available to support projects in the following areas of emphasis: (1) Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching; (2) Curricula Design, Materials Development, and Library Resources; (3) Instruction Delivery Systems; (4) Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching; (5) Student Experiential Learning; and (6) Student Recruitment and Retention (including financial assistance).

A total of 5 out of 8 proposals were funded upon final review by CSREES for this seventh year of the program. The 5 proposals requested a total of \$2,708,806 in USDA funding the individual campuses in the 2 states. In May 2007, the grant applications were evaluated by a 6-member peer review panel comprising of representatives of the Federal government. Panelists represented various academic areas including agribusiness, agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, aquaculture, family and consumer sciences, and other allied disciplines. Based on the peer review deliberations, 7 proposals were recommended for funding in the 2 states. Although not required by USDA, almost all of these institutions are leveraging Federal grant funds with institutional cost-sharing or third party support.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED

PROJECT DIRECTOR, INSTITUTION, AND LOCATION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS AWARDED
Janice M. Straley University of Alaska Southeast, Sitka Sitka, AK	Animal Migration Patterns and Demographics	\$ 219,690
Ronald K. Takahashi University of Hawaii Manoa, HI	University of Hawaii Agribusiness Education, Training and Incubator Project (AETI)	\$ 1,633,577
Clara Johnson University of Alaska Fairbanks Interior Aleutians, AK	Healthy Animals Healthy Communities	\$ 395,527
Deborah McLean University of Alaska Fairbanks Bristol Bay, AK	Alaska Native Education and Community Development Within a Changing Landscape	\$ 468,674
Mary Pete University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim, AK	Elitelta Naunranek: Let`s Study Plants	\$ 359,223

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Total Funds Awarded to States and Lead Institutions**

State	Institution	Awards
Alaska	University of Alaska Southeast, Sitka	\$ 219,690.00
Hawaii	University of Hawaii	\$ 1,633,577.00
Alaska	University of Alaska Fairbanks	\$ 395,527.00
Alaska	University of Alaska Fairbanks	\$ 468,674.00
Alaska	University of Alaska Fairbanks	\$ 359,223.00
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