

FY 2006

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

PROGRAM SUMMARY

**Multicultural Alliances
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The Alaska Native-Serving and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Education Grants Program, administered by the USDA office of Higher Education Programs and authorized by Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. section 1059d), is a non-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) 2006, \$3,088,800 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 7 proposals were submitted from 7 institutions for funding consideration for this seventh year of the program. Two of the proposals were consortium projects to benefit 14 partner institutions and other entities. The 7 proposals requested a total of \$3,076,690 in USDA funding. In April 2006, the grant applications were evaluated by a 6-member peer review panel comprising of university faculty and 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, funds were available to support 7 grants to 7 lead institutions 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.

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Projects Supported

PROJECT DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT, AND INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS AWARDED
Matthew Goff Sheldon Jackson College Sitka, Alaska Proposal No.: 2006-04228	Continuing the Strengthening of Sheldon Jackson College's Educational Capacities in Fisheries and Outdoor Programs	\$ 150,000
Deborah Linn Prince William Sound Community College Valdez, Alaska Proposal No.: 2006-04229	Basic Nutrition and Wellness for Incoming Native Alaskan College Students	\$ 100,000
Janice Straley University of Alaska, Southeast Sitka, Alaska Proposal No.: 2006-04230	Animal Migration Patterns and Demographics	\$ 125,000
Kate Sullivan University of Alaska, Ketchikan Ketchikan, Alaska Proposal No.: 2006-04231	Building Fisheries Technology Program Capacity through Outreach and Program Expansion	\$ 200,000
Clara Johnson University of Alaska, Fairbanks Fairbanks, Alaska Proposal No.: 2006-04232	Drum Beats: Place Appropriate Careers and Higher Education Preparation for Alaska Native Students	\$ 913,345
William Sakai University of Hawaii, Hilo Hilo, Hawaii Proposal No.: 2006-04233	University of Hawaii Agribusiness Education, Training and Incubator Project	\$ 1,538,345
Shayna Strong Ilisagvik College Barrow, Alaska Proposal No.: 2006-04234	Inupiaq Health Science	\$ 50,000

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Total Funds Awarded to States and Lead Institutions

<u>State</u>	<u>Lead Institution</u>	<u>Awards</u>
Alaska	Sheldon Jackson College	\$ 150,000
Alaska	Prince William Sound Community College	100,000
Alaska	University of Alaska, Southeast	125,000
Alaska	University of Alaska, Ketchikan	200,000
Alaska	University of Alaska, Fairbanks	913,345
Alaska	Ilisagvik College	50,000
Hawaii	University of Hawaii, Hilo	\$ <u>1,538,345</u>
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