Hawaii - FY2020 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Awards

Corporation for National and Community Service

As a result of the FY2020 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition, Hawaii will receive a total of \$4,215,326 in funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that administers AmeriCorps and other national service programs.

Through this competition, **two** successful grantees operating in Hawaii will receive **\$2,468,178** in competitive funding from CNCS to support approximately **278** AmeriCorps members. After successfully completing their service, these AmeriCorps members are expected to earn **\$1,030,992** in <u>Segal AmeriCorps Education</u> <u>Awards</u>, a post-service benefit that can be used to cover the costs of post-secondary education or help pay back qualified student loans. Hawaii Commission on National & Community Service, the Governor-appointed state service commission, will also receive **\$716,156** in formula funding, which will in turn be awarded to Hawaii organizations to support additional AmeriCorps members in the coming months.

The following table displays the FY2020 AmeriCorps funding breakdown for Hawaii, including the full list of successful AmeriCorps grantees. Hawaii Commission on National & Community Service will administer grants operating within the Hawaii state borders; CNCS will administer grants operating in multiple states.

Grant Type*	Program Type**	Grantee	Program	District	City	Funding	Ed. Awards	Members
Continuation	State	Kupu	Kupu: Environmental Stewardship	01	Honolulu	\$2,293,530	\$958,520	258
Continuation	State	Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	Project Kaulike	01	Honolulu	\$174,648	\$72,472	20
Totals						\$2,468,178	\$1,030,992	278
Total State Formula Funding					\$716,156			
Total CNCS Funding					\$4,215,326			

^{*}Grant Type: New = New grantee; Continuation = Ongoing grantee awarded funding for the 2nd or 3rd year of a 3-year grant cycle; Recompete = Previous grantee awarded funding for an additional grant cycle.

^{**}Program Type: State = Grantee operates in only your state; National = Grantee operates in multiple states.

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Kupu: Kupu: Environmental Stewardship

Kupu proposes to have 258 AmeriCorps members who will remove invasive species, establish native vegetation, and remediate streams and trails at 90 service sites managed by federal, state, and community-based nonprofit partner conservation agencies on the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Maui, and Hawaii Island. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving 5,250 acres of parks and public lands by treating 6,200 acres and 800 miles of trails and streams. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 15,000 volunteers who will be engaged in invasive species removal, native plant establishment, and stream/trail remediation alongside AmeriCorps members.

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii: Project Kaulike

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai`i's AmeriCorps Project Kaulike (meaning "justice" or "equality") proposes to place 20 members in positions that help low-income residents of Hawai`i navigate the justice system and connect with the legal information and resources they need to overcome their civil legal problems. Members will serve in Legal Aid offices throughout the state, as well as in courthouse-based self-help centers. By the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will have assisted more than 2700 disadvantaged Hawai`i residents, including 200 veterans or veterans' family members, in becoming familiar with the legal system and their own rights and responsibilities. Members will also conduct 175 education and outreach events. Members will leverage volunteer help when appropriate to assist in the five self-help centers located throughout the state in order to provide individuals with specific legal information, counsel and advice.