Hawaii State Agency Programs: March 2019

Department of Agriculture: Agricultural Marketing Service, <u>Specialty Crop Block Grant Program</u>

The **Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)** announced the availability of approximately \$72.4 million in grant funds to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops (including floriculture). State departments of agriculture interested in obtaining grant program funds are invited to submit applications to the AMS. State departments of agriculture are encouraged to conduct outreach regarding the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program – Farm Bill to specialty crop stakeholders, socially disadvantaged, and beginning farmers and conduct a competitive grant proposal process. State department of agriculture contacts and state requests for proposals can be found at www.ams.usda.gov/scbgp. Applications from State departments of agriculture must be submitted by May 24, 2019.

Food and Nutrition Service, <u>Team Nutrition Training Grant for Innovative State</u> <u>Training Programs</u>

Team Nutrition Training Grant for Innovative State Training Programs support the expansion of State-developed training programs that are designed to improve school nutrition professionals' knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy related to school meal quality. The deadline to apply is June 2, 2019.

Food and Nutrition Service, **SNAP Fraud Framework Implementation Grant Program**

The SNAP Fraud Framework Implementation Grant Program supports State agency efforts to improve and expand recipient fraud prevention, detection and investigation efforts using the procedures, ideas and practices outlined in the SNAP Fraud Framework. Successful applications will specifically incorporate one or more of these procedures, ideas and practices in their proposals. The deadline to apply is April 26, 2019.

Department of Interior, <u>Bureau of Reclamation, WaterSMART: Title XVI</u> <u>Congressionally Authorized Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects</u>

The WaterSMART program seeks congressionally authorized water reclamation and reuse projects who are looking to request cost-shared funding for the planning, design, and/or construction of those Projects.

Eligible applicants are invited to request funding for planning, design, and/or construction of Projects. Although the evaluation criteria listed in this FOA will be applied to the Project as a whole, funding requests submitted under this FOA must be based on the expenditures already incurred or planned to be incurred by September 30, 2021. The deadline to apply is April 22, 2019.

This may include work either:

- Planned through September 30, 2021, or
- Completed work that was conducted after the date of the project's congressional authorization for authorized projects.

Eligible Projects include:

Kalaeloa Seawater Desalination Project	НІ	2005
Kealakehe Water Recycling Project	НІ	2005
Lahaina Water Recycling Project #3	HI	2005

Fish and Wildlife Service, <u>2019 State Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Grant Program</u>

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program's Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) intends to award funding for its 2019 State Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan(SIANSMP) Grant Program(Program). The deadline to apply is March 27, 2019.

Fish and Wildlife Service, <u>State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program- Open ONLY to State</u> <u>Fish and Game Agency</u>

The State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program provides grant funds for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. Eligible activities include both conservation planning and implementation activities. Conservation planning activities must contribute directly to the development or modification of your current Wildlife Action Plan (Plan) approved by the Director of the Service. Implementation activities are those that you intend to carry out to execute your Plan. SWG Program funds must benefit species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) identified in your Plan, and when prioritizing use of these funds you should take into consideration the relative level of funding available for the conservation of those species. As directed by Congress, the

Service encourages you to prioritize funding for conservation of species listed or considered for listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), including candidate, threatened, and endangered species. The deadline to apply is August 31, 2020.

Department of Transportation, <u>DOT/Federal Transit Administration</u>
FY 2019 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Passenger Ferry Grant Program

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$30 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program funds (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #20.507) authorized for competitively selected passenger ferry projects. As required by Federal public transportation law and subject to appropriations, funds will be awarded competitively to designated recipients or eligible direct recipients of Section 5307 funds to assist in the financing of capital projects to support existing passenger ferry service, establish new ferry service, and to repair and modernize ferry boats, terminals, and related facilities and equipment. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2019.