

TITLE: Grant Funding Support for the Development and Support of Teacher Apprenticeships, Teacher Residencies, and Grow Your Own Programs

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves funding to contract grant writers and/or other agencies to help support the grant writing process.

Any awarded funding received from grants would go to the development and support of Teacher Apprenticeships, Teacher Residencies, and Grow Your Own Programs. This support may include but is not limited to the following efforts: funding for tuition costs, stipends for participants, mentor support, curriculum, research and development of initiatives, management of programs, stakeholder meetings, trainings, and seminars etc.

Costs for support services will be within the Board approved budgeted amount. Compensation for services may be covered by a percentage of the awarded grant funding and not from HTSB's budget.

Rationale/Background:

In November 2021, the U.S. Department of Labor approved the teacher occupation (K-12) to be eligible for apprenticeships. With this approval, any state can register for a federally recognized apprenticeship program. This would include opportunities to apply for federal grants.

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HAR) §302A-803 (a)(3), allows HTSB to pursue federal and state grants. The utilization of grant funding for the development and support of Teacher Apprenticeship, Teacher Residency, and Grow Your Own (GYO) Programs would allow HTSB to help alleviate the teacher shortage in Hawaii.

The HTSB continues to work in collaboration with other educational stakeholders including legislators to support the creation and management of homegrown pathways to licensure. Teacher Apprenticeship, Residency Programs and Grow Your Own Programs can be pathways to recruit and retain teachers who already reside in Hawai'i. With the awarding of funding from federal and state grants, HTSB would be able to help support aspiring educators financially.

Hawaii Revised Statutes §302A-803 (a)(3) Powers and duties of the board

(a) In addition to establishing standards for the issuance and renewal of licenses and certificates and any other powers and duties authorized by law, the board's powers shall also include:

(3) Receiving grants or donations from private foundations, and state and federal funds.

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Referred to: Budget, Personnel and Strategic Planning Committee