

EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND (ESF)

Relief for Native Hawaiian Education Programs

Congress has passed several rounds of financial assistance and relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including most recently the *American Rescue Plan*. The *American Rescue Plan* includes the following assistance for the Native Hawaiian Education Program.

***** WHAT IS NEW IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN *****

The *American Rescue Plan* provides \$85 million for the Native Hawaiian Education Program, which can be used to support innovative education programs to assist Native Hawaiians. Details are below.

Use of Funds

Activities authorized under the *Native Hawaiian Education Act* include:

- Early education and care programs;
- Family-based education centers;
- Reading and literacy programs;
- Activities to address the needs of gifted and talented Native Hawaiian students;
- Special education programs;
- Professional development for educators; and
- Programs to prepare and support Native Hawaiian students through postsecondary education.

Eligible Applicants

Entities eligible for the Native Hawaiian Education Program include:

- Native Hawaiian educational organizations;
- Native Hawaiian community-based organizations;
- Public and private nonprofit organizations, agencies, and institutions with experience in developing or operating Native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction in the Native Hawaiian language; and
- Native Hawaiian charter schools.

More information on the Native Hawaiian Education Program can be found [here](#).

OTHER RESOURCES FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS

Financial Relief for Nonprofits: <https://www.schatz.senate.gov/coronavirus/small-businesses>

Employers Guide to Emergency Paid Leave: <https://www.schatz.senate.gov/coronavirus/paid-leave-employers>