

Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

Innovation Grant Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND: As each state addresses the significant impacts of COVID-19, the state of Hawaii is embracing three basic tenets of *relief, resilience, and reinvention* to go beyond “surviving the pandemic” to transforming and reinventing education as a result of it. Upon the awarding of federal GEER funds, Governor Ige convened the GEER Advisory Group of education leaders from Hawaii’s public, private and charter schools in June 2020 to address the unprecedented needs that emerged due to the pandemic. In his remarks to the group, Governor Ige stated that these funds should, “...provide incentives and fund organizations and schools that are doing innovative things that both respond to the pandemic and most importantly set a course for educational change and reform.” Therefore, the timing of the innovation grants is designed to move beyond the immediate needs at the school level and look toward how we can pivot our education model based on the emerging lessons of the pandemic.

WHAT: Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Innovation Fund Grant

PURPOSE: To provide grants directly to education entities in Hawaii to fund innovative initiatives that address the impact that the Coronavirus pandemic has had, and continues to have, on students, families and educators in Hawaii. This includes both (1) continuing to provide quality and impactful educational services and (2) supporting on-going functionality of schools and campuses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs), and other education related entities (including public, charter, and private schools).

GRANT AMOUNTS: Range from \$100,000 - \$500,000 each.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: June 4, 2021 at 5pm; Implementation will begin starting July 15, 2021.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS:

Because a key purpose of the grant program is to promote innovation, this approach will offer a different process to submit a proposal. Each school, consortium, complex area, or partnership will be required to do the following:

1. Submit a project proposal overview in the form of a one (1) page document by the deadline on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 5pm HST. This form includes basic information about the applicant(s) and outlines the proposed project. Proposals can be submitted as early as May 13, 2021 and can be found on the Governor’s website <https://governor.hawaii.gov/governor-david-iges-priorities-for-hawai%ca%bbi/>. Proposals are to be emailed to gov.geer@hawaii.gov.
2. Applicants that meet the criteria will be contacted and scheduled for a virtual proposal presentation. Applicants will prepare and deliver a five slide, 15-minute proposal to a panel of judges (format will be provided) that will include a succinct needs statement with

supporting data of the impact of COVID-19 on school services and functionality. The presentation will also include a design question, measurable goals and indicators, evidenced-based practices or innovative strategies, enabling actions, estimated timelines, persons responsible for implementation and monitoring, and a budget that includes costs for personnel, services, equipment/materials, and/or professional development. Presenter(s) should prepare to respond to questions from the panelists. The panel of judges will use a rubric focused on the grant criteria to evaluate each presentation.

3. The date for the presentations will be scheduled on June 14, 15, 16, and 18. Panels will be conducted twice daily on each of these dates in the morning from 9am - 11am and in the afternoon from 1pm - 3pm.
4. All project proposals that are approved will be notified no later than June 30th.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- Need and impact from COVID-19 on providing services and functionality, including collaboration as a consortium, complex area, or other partnership **(25%)**
- Best practices/evidence-based practices or innovative strategies (i.e.: Rapid prototyping, user feedback, iteration) **(25%)**
- Integration of process for learning, collaboration, and problem solving for an innovation mindset **(20%)**
- Overall impact and planned demonstration of continuous learning **(20%)**
- Grant application represents a consortium of schools and / or entities or a complex of schools **(10%)**

AWARDEE PARTICIPATION:

Selected applicants will be required to participate in regular innovation and collaboration meetings throughout the 2021-2022 school year. The purpose of these meetings is to engage and support all Innovation Teams in design processes to strengthen projects. The sessions will also leverage peers' expertise and practice to deepen the mindsets and skills to maximize the learning when prototyping and iterating. As part of these convenings, School Innovation Teams will participate in two cycles of rapid prototyping related to their innovation. The Innovation Teams will be convened and facilitated by Smallify and One Shared Future.

Selected applicants must comply with all federal and state requirements to include monthly reports and an annual report to the Governor's office.

All Innovation Teams will be required to present their project at the Governor's Education Summit in the Summer of 2022.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

Informational sessions will be provided for interested schools and other entities on the purpose, goal, and process and will offer opportunities to ask questions. Individuals can sign up and register to attend the following sessions:

Time: May 13, 2021 05:30 PM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86118408901?pwd=eGJ0QTk5cDUzSIF3UWhOVUcrVGNxZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 1840 8901

Passcode: 199501

Time: May 14, 2021 05:30 PM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 815 5370 9014

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Time: May 15, 2021 09:00 AM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting

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