Governor’s Educational Emergency Relief (GEER) Funds Innovation Grants
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Backstory

• Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
• Governor’s ESSA Team - Hawaii Blueprint for Public Education
• Governor’s Educational Emergency Relief Funds (GEER)
• GEER Advisory Group-Hawaii GEER Plan
  ✓ Teacher Academy
  ✓ Transition To College Program
  ✓ Innovation Grants
  ✓ Parent & Family Support
  ✓ 2022 Education Innovation Summit
“This is a major opportunity to change the face of public education in Hawai‘i for the better. Our innovation economy depends on a well-educated workforce to meet the state’s goals in renewable energy, locally grown food production, environmental stewardship and more. It is my hope that the public will participate in this process to help our education system prepare students for high-skill careers in the 21st century.”

–Gov. David Ige, April 2016
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PURPOSE:

• Provide grants directly to education entities in Hawaii to fund *innovative initiatives* that address the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on students, families and educators in Hawaii

• Includes both (1) continuing to provide quality and impactful educational services and (2) supporting on-going functionality of schools and campuses
ELIGIBILITY:
Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs), and other education related entities (including public, charter, and private schools).

GRANT AMOUNTS:
Can range from $100,000 - $500,000 each (Partnerships, collaboratives, consortia are encouraged)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:
6/4/2021 at 5pm
Implementation beginning 7/15/2021
APPLICATION PROCESS:

• Submit information about themselves and overview of their innovation
• If meets criteria, will be contacted and scheduled for a 15-minute, virtual presentation
• Present information on 5 PPT slides to a panel that will include a succinct needs statement with supporting data of the impact of COVID-19 on school services and functionality
• Format for the 5 slides will be provided to applicants in advance
APPLICATION PROCESS:
Presentation will include:
✓ Design question
✓ Measurable goals and indicators
✓ Evidenced-based practices or innovative strategies
✓ Enabling actions
✓ Estimated timelines
✓ Persons responsible for implementation and monitoring
✓ Budget that includes costs for personnel, services, equipment/materials, and/or professional development
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%)

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**TIMELINE:**
- **May 12, 2021** – Announcement in Governor’s Press Conference
- **May 13, 14, 15, 2021** – Informational Briefings
- **June 4, 2021** – Grant Deadline
- **June 14, 15, 16 and 18, 2021** – Panel Presentations
- **June 30, 2021** – Grant Awardees Notified
- **July 15, 2021** – June 2022 – Implementation
- **August, 2022 (tentatively)** – Education Innovation Summit – All recipients of GEER Funding share

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AWARDEE PARTICIPATION:

• 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, 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 Project Manager and the Governor’s Office.
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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