

Questions from potential applicants:

- 1) Was the letter from the governor we submitted sufficient or will we need to go back to the Governor's Office to request a new letter? **Only one letter from the Governor is needed. If you previously applied and submitted a letter from the Governor you can use that same letter.**
- 2) Are you able to give any recommendations for changes, if needed? **No. We have not reviewed submitted applications under P23AS00023 because we realized the announcement did not specify the Board requirement. Once the applications for the new announcement are reviewed to ensure all initial requirements are met, if the National Park Service merit review team have questions or revisions, they will contact you directly.**
- 3) Regarding the Board - Are you looking for an organization that already has the Board requirements in place or are we able to recruit the board members during the grant period? **The Board members for management of this grant program are very specific for HI:**

20 USC Chapter 56, Subchapter II §4441. Program for Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native culture and arts development

(a) In general

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make grants for the purpose of supporting programs for Native Hawaiian or Alaska Native culture and arts development to any private, nonprofit organization or institution which—

- (1) primarily serves and represents Native Hawaiians or Alaska Natives, and
- (2) has been recognized by the Governor of the State of Hawaii or the Governor of the State of Alaska, as appropriate, for the purpose of making such organization or institution eligible to receive such grants.

(b) Purpose of grants

Grants made under subsection (a) of this section shall, to the extent deemed possible by the Secretary and the recipient of the grant, be used—

- (1) to provide scholarly study of, and instruction in, Native Hawaiian or Alaska Native art and culture,
- (2) to establish programs which culminate in the awarding of degrees in the various fields of Native Hawaiian or Alaska Native art and culture, or
- (3) to establish centers and programs with respect to Native Hawaiian or Alaska Native art and culture that are similar in purpose to the centers and programs described in subsections (b) and (c) of section 4417 of this title.

(c) Management of grants

(1) Any organization or institution which is the recipient of a grant made under subsection (a) of this section shall establish a governing board to manage and control the program with respect to which such grant is made.

(2) For any grants made with respect to Native Hawaiian art and culture, the members of the governing board which is required to be established under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) be Native Hawaiians or individuals widely recognized in the field of Native Hawaiian art and culture,

(B) include a representative of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs of the State of Hawaii,

(C) include the president of the University of Hawaii,

(D) include the president of the Bishop Museum, and

(E) serve for a fixed term of office.

(3) For any grants made with respect to Alaska Native art and culture, the members of the governing board which is required to be established under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) include Alaska Natives and individuals widely recognized in the field of Alaska Native art and culture,

(B) represent the Eskimo, Indian and Aleut cultures of Alaska, and

(C) serve for a fixed term.

It is up to the recipient and Board to decide how the grant program will be managed and controlled. We need to have a letter submitted in your application from all required Board members indicating the Board has been established to manage this grant program.

4) Regarding the Board - Do those specific Board members for the Hawaiian serving institution need to be part of the overall organization's board or can it be a board committee specifically just for the purpose of this grant project? For the purpose of this grant.

5) Regarding the Board - Do we need to recruit all of a representative from OHA, the president of the Bishop Museum, the President of the UH, or just one of them? You need one person/representative from each required organization:

(B) include a representative of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs of the State of Hawaii,

(C) include the president of the University of Hawaii,

(D) include the president of the Bishop Museum, and

6) Regarding the Board - For the representative from OHA - does this need to be a trustee, staff, or either? There are no specifics identified in 20 USC, Chapter 56, Subsection II, Section 4441. This grant will be viewed by Congress and must be able to be withstand scrutiny.

7) Regarding the Board - How frequently does this Board need to meet and given the busy schedules of the required members of this Board, what are the requirements of quorum for this Board? That is up to the Board to decide. We will not manage the Board. They must serve a fixed term and are there "to manage and control the program with respect to which such grant is made."

8) Regarding the Board - we currently have Native Hawaiians or individuals widely recognized in the field of Native Hawaiian art and culture, is there any proof we need to provide that our existing board members meet this requirement? Hawaiian applicants MUST submit a letter that

identifies contact information (including title/specialty) and the fixed term for the required Board members.

Alaska applicants MUST submit a letter that identifies contact information (including title/specialty) and the fixed term for their Board members ([See 20 USC Section 4441](#) for AK Board requirements).

9) Will any Board documents, ie. articles of incorporation or other documents, need to be submitted with the grant? We have them for our existing nonprofit Board. No. We are only concerned with the requirements of 20 USC, Chapter 56, Subsection II, Section 4441.

10) Are the required HI Board members - OHA representative(s), President of Bishop Museum, President of UH, already aware that they are required to serve on such a board or is it the grantee's responsibility to try to recruit them onto the organization's board? They are not aware. It is not the Government's responsibility to inform organizations of requirements under 20 USC, Chapter 56, Subsection II, Section 4441. We recognize this may take some time which is why we are reposting the requirement for an additional two months.

10) Is the timeline still the same until 4/2027 or has that been extended? We anticipate any awarded grants under the new announcement will have an award date around March 15, 2023 and may have a period of performance through March 15, 2028.