

B-WET BAY WATERSHED EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAM



Summary

Since 2004, the B-WET Hawai'i Program has supported learning opportunities and stewardship of Hawai'i's natural resources by increasing the environmental literacy of students and teachers. Community groups, nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, as well as K-12 students and teachers, have benefited from B-WET Hawai'i through this grant and special projects program.

Competitive Grants

The grant program funds projects that promote meaningful outdoor experiences for students and professional development opportunities for teachers in environmental education. B-WET Hawai'i grants focus on earth systems sciences, climate change, and community resilience to hazards. Through B-WET, students have assessed water quality, restored habitats, and used geospatial technology to collect, record, and track data. Teachers and education professionals involved with the B-WET Hawai'i are equipped with information they can share with their students and communities for many years to come.

Priority Areas:

- 1) Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for Students
 - Weaves together classroom learning with field experience
- 2) Professional Development for Teachers
 - Reinforces a teacher's ability to teach, inspire, and lead
- 3) Citizen Science and Community Service Learning
 - Engages students in community stewardship efforts

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applications include K-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, nonprofit and for profit organizations, state or local government agencies, and tribal governments throughout the state of Hawai'i.

Available funding: Availability of B-WET funds is dependent upon annual Congressional appropriations. Applicants can request between \$10,000 and \$100,000 per year for a single project. The award period for each project is up to 24 months. B-WET funds can be used for a various project expenses including buses, stipends, travel, supplies, and professional evaluators.

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