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BISHOP MUSEUM TO RECEIVE \$1.4 MILLION FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND ALASKAN EDUCATION INITIATIVES

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WASHINGTON-Bishop Museum will receive \$1,459,000 to further the creation and implementation of Native Hawaiian and Alaskan education programs, apprenticeships and cultural exchanges, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today.

The funds are available through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The money will be used to start culturally based educational programs, cultural exchanges, and internship and apprenticeship programs for Native and non-Native communities and cultural institutions in Alaska, Hawaii, Massachusetts, and Mississippi.

These four regions are linked by shared historical experiences and traditions arising from profound changes to cultural and natural environments.

“The exploration of our origins and our connections to other cultures is an invaluable experience,” said Senator Inouye. “These difficult economic times have forced Bishop Museum to cut back in recent years and hopefully these funds will help rehabilitate their cultural curriculum.”

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