Statewide Digital Literacy
(National Governor’s Association Grant)

Workforce Development Council’s Special Projects Committee Meeting
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NGA Workforce Innovation Network
Round 2 State Grantee Welcome Materials

Project Overview
In March 2021, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center), in partnership with the Cognizant Foundation, launched the Workforce Innovation Fund and Workforce Innovation Network (NGA WIN) to help states respond to COVID-19 impacts on the labor market and help them improve employment and workforce outcomes.

The second round of grants from the Workforce Innovation Network will support technical assistance for a cohort of competitively-selected states to advance digital skill development for equitable economic participation in alignment with state workforce and economic development goals. The NGA Center will engage staff and subject matter experts to provide targeted technical assistance to Workforce Innovation Fund state grantees from **November 2021 – June 2022**.
1. Hawai'i's Digital Equity Foundations
BROADBAND HUI

Digital Equity Ecosystem Map
• Digital Literacy & Readiness Study
• Kupuna Digital Inclusion Project
• Support for ACP
• Digital Literacy 101 classes
• Access for all to Northstar Digital Literacy Tool
• Refurbished Laptops/PC for public
• Telehealth Digital Navigator Projects
• New legislation focused on digital equity
2. Hawai'i’s Digital Literacy & Workforce Goal
“The illiterate of the future will not be those who cannot read or write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.”

-Alvin Toffler
Hawai’i’s ultimate goal is to create 100% digitally literate workforce that can continuously adapt as technology changes, and have the skills needed to support the changing job market.
3. Hawai'i’s Project awarded $100,000 to

Create a comprehensive statewide plan for closing the digital skill gaps in our workforce.
Our Team

• Burt Lum, Broadband and Digital Equity Office
• Allicyn H. Tasaka, Workforce Development Council
• Kaala Souza, Digital Literacy Leader & Consultant
• Jill Takasaki Canfield, Hawai‘i Literacy, Inc.
• Stacey Aldrich, Hawaii State Public Library System
• Sabrina Nasir, Office of the Governor
• Nainoa Mau, Friends of the Library of Hawaii
• Rebecca Soon & Liza Ryan Gill, Solutions Pacific
Our Process

1. Understand the data: Feb-Apr 2022
2. Get input from our Digital Skills for Workforce Hui: Mar-Apr 2022
3. Build our plan: May 2022
4. Present to Governor: June 30, 2022
Mahalo!

Any questions?

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