

## WDC Committee updates

### Hele Imua State Internship Program [labor.hawaii.gov/wdd](http://labor.hawaii.gov/wdd)

- 115 participants served to date (as of April 2023)
- Current rate of approx. 20 new interns placed monthly
- Min of 30 placements reserved for DOE
- State agency placements include the following  
Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Departments of Health, Agriculture, Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Defense, Land and Natural Resources, Labor and Industrial Relations, Human Resources Development, Human Services, Attorney General, Budget and Finance, Public Safety, Enterprise Technology Services etc.
- Job occupations vary but include IT specialist, HR assistant, Program Specialist, Accountant, Environmental Health Specialist, Engineer, Research Statistician, Marketing Specialist, Housing Coordinator, Elections Specialist etc.

### QUEST Grant

- Chamber of Commerce contract executed for employer engagement and sector strategy component
- Outreach and recruitment RFP released
- Contracts being developed for local areas/counties
- Partnership with Good Jobs Hawaii

### New federal funding announcements:

- State Apprenticeship Expansion (Formula and Competitive) - target proposal approx. \$4-6 million, \$485,000 to be annual formula funds
- Senior Community Services Employment (SCSEP) Information Technology Support Grant - target proposal approx. \$150,000
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit Backlog FY23 - target proposal \$200,000
- Digital Work Skills Grant was submitted. US DOL is requesting additional information. We anticipate being awarded the funding by June 2023.

### Upcoming Events

- Federal Job Fair - Apr 11, 2023 @ Keehi Lagoon Memorial

- Kauai Job Fair - Apr 12, 2023 @ War Memorial Convention Hall

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