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Castle Foundation awards \$1.9M in grants

The Harold K.L. Castle Foundation said its board has approved grants to five organizations totaling more than \$1.9 million to support initiatives to improve student education by developing a strong pool of leadership talent in Hawaii's schools. Amounts and award recipients are:

» \$762,690 to be used over three years for the New Teacher Center, which will work with the state Department of Education to establish a process for recruiting, training and supporting inschool mentors for all new teachers and for struggling veteran teachers.

» \$668,832 to be used over two years to finance the Hope Street Group program to develop State Teaching Fellowships to help teachers refine their leadership skills, influence state policy and generate solutions for educational reform.

» \$395,641 to be used over two years to support New Leaders Inc.'s Emerging Leaders Program and recruit up to 35 outstanding teacher-leaders.

» \$40,000 for the Waimanalo Learning Center, a community program at the Waimanalo Agricultural Research Station that supports more than 1,500 youths and adults in partnership with three Windward schools as well as community organizations.

» \$5,250 for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii to implement Common Core educational standards at three Windward Catholic schools as well as customize the professional development of principals, teacher-leaders and faculty.

The foundation board also approved a \$50,000 grant to the Coral Reef Alliance to promote sustainable tourism and coral reef conservation in Hawaii through collaboration with hotels and condominiums on Hawaii island and Maui.