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PBS Hawaii to Receive National Endowment for the Arts Grant

HONOLULU, HI – PBS Hawaii will be receiving a \$20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for its statewide student news network, HIKI NŌ.

This is the second round of grants the NEA has announced for fiscal year 2015 which includes 1,023 awards totaling \$74.3 million nationwide. The NEA's grant making program promotes opportunities for people in communities across America to experience the arts and exercise their creativity.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, "The NEA is committed to advancing learning, fueling creativity, and celebrating the arts in cities and towns across the United States. Funding these projects like the one from PBS Hawaii represents an investment in both local communities and our nation's creative vitality."

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition from the NEA," said Leslie Wilcox, President and CEO of PBS Hawaii. "HIKI NŌ is the only statewide student digital literacy program of its kind in the country. By tapping into students' innate storytelling skills, HIKI NŌ is encouraging Hawaii's youth to share their unique voices. And the results have been remarkable. This NEA grant will help PBS Hawaii strengthen this 21-st century learning initiative."

HIKI NŌ is made up of 90 public, private and charter schools from across the islands. Through the production of video news stories about their schools and communities, students gain valuable workforce and life skills, while teachers engage their students in hands-on, collaborative learning.

To join the Twitter conversation about this announcement, please use **#NEASpring2015**. For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, go to arts.gov

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