



BIA Hawaii announces \$100,000 educational grant



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The Building Industry Association of Hawaii has partnered with the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation to provide \$100,000 in funding to support the YouthBuild Green Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program and the building industry's future workforce, it was announced last week.

According to a May 6 announcement from BIA, the Green PACT program aims to equip "unemployed and underemployed young adults with the knowledge and skills necessary for environmentally friendly construction employment in a training environment with financial support that allows underprivileged students to concentrate on their learnings."

According to the announcement, each Green PACT training spans three months and will accommodate 12 students in the fiscal year 2024 cohort and eight in the FY 2025 cohort - that means training for 20 students and 2,500 training hours.

“BIA is committed to providing educational training opportunities to support our ongoing commitment to fostering the growth and development of the construction industry and empowering the youth of Hawaii,” Roseann Freitas, CEO of BIA Hawaii, said in a statement.

“BIA is proud to unveil our Green PACT program set to make a profound impact in 2024 and 2025. This program is a cornerstone of BIA’s educational initiatives offering participants an opportunity to earn nationally recognized certificates, further enhancing their career readiness and increasing their employability in the construction sector.”