

**American Samoa Department of Education (AS) (S371C220004) \$64,774** proposes to further enhance the activities of their existing subgrantees. American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) provides oversight for 18,257 students from pre-K through twelfth grade. Most students are Samoan whose first language is their native Samoan. This can pose unique challenges when it comes to learning English as they approach school-age. At a very basic level the Samoan language has only fourteen letters in the alphabet. The literacy instruction these students receive must be specialized to meet the needs of students who are not only behind, but lacking awareness of basic letters and sounds in the English language. Along with these unique needs, the pandemic has had a significant impact on native Samoan students. Many schools were closed for a lengthy period to stop the spread of COVID-19. ASDOE will use these funds to enhance the activities of existing subgrantees. Funds will be used to further support teacher professional development in English language acquisition and literacy.