



Moore foundation gives Imiloa center \$1.1 grant to develop mobile lab for the Big Island

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First Posted: January 24, 2012 - 9:01 am

Last Updated: January 24, 2012 - 9:02 am

HONOLULU — An astronomy education center in Hilo is getting a \$1.1 million grant to take its knowledge on the road with a mobile laboratory.

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation — chaired by Intel co-founder Gordon Moore — donated the funds to the Imiloa Astronomy Center.

University of Hawai'i at Hilo Chancellor Don Straney says the project will allow Imiloa and the university to reach Big Island students and families in rural areas.

The Moore foundation has given to the center before. The University of Hawai'i Foundation said Monday the Moore foundation previously gave the center a grant so Big Island students in kindergarten through grade 12 could visit the center on subsidized field trips.

The foundation is also donating money to build the Thirty Meter Telescope at Mauna Kea's summit.