



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

APRIL 7-9, 2026

DRAFT AGENDA

**Le'āhi Room at Queen Kapi'olani Hotel
150 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815
Workshop Attire: Business Casual**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – Foundations of Community Economic Development

Breakfast on own

7:30-8:00 AM: Workshop check-in

8:00 AM: Welcome/Introductions/Program Overview

8:30 – 10:20 AM: Module 1: Community and Economic Development Practice with Tom Trotter, Ph.D., Research & Extension Specialist WRDC

Gain a practical, step-by-step framework for launching and sustaining effective community development initiatives. Participants will explore a livability-centered approach that emphasizes strong leadership, broad partnership development, authentic community engagement, and data-informed planning.

10:30 AM – Noon: Module 2: Community Asset Mapping and Assessment with Marlene K. Rebori, Ph.D., Professor and Community Development Specialist, University of Nevada, Reno

Learn and apply the ABCD's for successful community development. Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a strategy for initiating community-driven change. This engaging session will focus on the process of community asset mapping and conducting

assessments as they inform and guide our programming. A final section will include examples of evaluative tools such as ripple-effects mapping and perception mapping to quantitatively and qualitatively track impact.

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 PM: Break. Meet in lobby at 1:30 pm to depart for tours

Suggested: casual & comfortable clothing, sturdy footwear, sunglasses, sunscreen, water bottle, etc.

1:45 – 2:30 PM: Travel

2:30 – 3:45 PM: Paepae o He'eia Tour

We'll meet with Paepae o He'eia, a private non-profit organization that collaborates with Kamehameha Schools to restore and maintain an ancient fishpond. We'll learn how their cultural and economic efforts provide education, internships, resources, and food creating intellectual, physical, and spiritual sustenance for the community. Signed liability waiver required to participate.

Tour includes walking along uneven surface around the fishpond. Those who prefer to not participate in this stop should email wrdc@uidaho.edu

3:45 – 4:15 PM: Travel between locations

4:15 – 6:30 PM: Kāko'o 'Ōiwi Tour & Dinner

We'll meet with Kāko'o 'Ōiwi, a community-based nonprofit working to restore the He'eia wetlands through Indigenous agriculture, ecological restoration, and the revitalization of traditional food systems such as kalo (taro) cultivation. We'll learn how their work strengthens local community and economic development by restoring cultural connections with the creating regenerative agriculture jobs, supporting local farmers, and expanding value-added food production that benefits the broader community. A catered meal at the location will follow the tour. Signed liability waiver required to participate.

7:30 PM: Estimated return to hotel

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – Planning and Engagement for Sustainable Development

Breakfast on own

8:30 – 10:00 AM: Module 3: Community Strategic Visioning and Planning with Tara Mastel, Community Vitality Program Leader, Montana State University Extension

This session will define community visioning, outline the strategic planning process, and walk participants through the key steps for implementing both. We'll explore the facilitator's role, review real-world examples of effective mission and vision statements, and discuss common challenges communities face—along with practical strategies to address them.

10:00 – 10:15 AM: Break

10:15 – 11:45 AM: Module 4: Understanding Community Economies with Michael Patrick, Ph.D., Community Resource & Economic Development Specialist, New Mexico State University Extension

This session will help participants interpret key demographic, occupational, and industry data while learning why economic data analysis matters for local decision-making. Leave with foundational tools for analyzing and communicating economic conditions in your own communities.

11:45 AM: Group Photo

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 PM: Dollar Game with Paul Lewin, Ph.D., Executive Director WRDC

Explore the factors affecting community economies and visualize how to generate sustainable wealth for local communities and their residents.

3:00 – 3:15 PM: Refreshment Break

3:15 – 4:45 PM: Module 5: Meeting the Needs of Volunteers So They Can Meet Yours with Nancy Ooki, Youth Development Extension Agent and Tina Mueller, 4-H Military Program Coordinator, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

In this hands-on workshop, dive into the essentials of stakeholder engagement, partnership development, and the "Three Rs" of volunteer management in considering real-world solutions to working with diverse populations and within capacity limitations. You'll gain tools and ideas and will build actionable strategies for positioning stakeholders and volunteers to be part of the team with aligned goals and focus to best meet the needs of the community.

Dinner on own

Thursday, April 9, 2026 – Grant Development

Breakfast on own

8:30 – 8:45 AM: Program Review

8:45 – 10:15 AM: Module 6: Grant Writing and Program Proposal Design with Angela Walla, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Examine USDA-NIFA grant notices of funding and start crafting the foundational elements that can be quickly adapted to write a compelling proposal. Optional: If you have a specific opportunity in mind, bring a notice of funding reference to guide you in developing your application.

10:15 – 10:30 AM: Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon: Module 7: Proposal Budget Preparation with Angela Walla, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Delve into approaches and tools that you can use to develop a proposal budget and put these skills into practice.

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 PM: Module 8: Proposal Writing Bootcamp with Angela Walla, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Investigate how to communicate your project goals, activities, and outcomes by crafting a Research Plan and Logic Model.

2:15 – 2:30 PM: Refreshment Break

2:30 – 3:30 PM: Module 8: Proposal Writing Bootcamp, continued with Angela Walla, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Dive into the more nuanced logistics of research proposals including data management, facilities, human subjects, letters of support, and more.

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Closing Remarks/Activities

4:45 PM: Optional add-on activity

Purchase a ticket if you'd like to attend the ['Auna, a Cirque du Soleil](#) show, blending high-flying stunts, stunning visuals, and the spirit of the islands. Anyone attending may meet in the lobby at 4:30 PM to walk together to the venue (about 15 minutes) or to pair up

for ride shares. We plan to arrive around 4:45 PM, and the show begins promptly at 5:30 PM.