

## VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

**Title:** Kupu Community Resilience VISTA - UH West Oahu

**Sponsoring Organization:** Kupu

**Project Name:** Kupu

**Project Number:** 17VSPHI003

**Project Period:** 04/15/2018 - 04/13/2019

**Site Name (if applicable):** University of Hawaii West Oahu

**Focus Area(s)**

**Primary:** Environmental Stewardship

**Secondary:**

### VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

**Goal of the Project:** The Kupu Community Resilience VISTA will work with University of Hawaii Sustainability Office to coordinate sustainability efforts in Cultural Connections, Campus & Community Engagement, Research, Teaching & Learning, and Operations on campus as outlined in UH Sustainability Policy (EP 4.202). Effective coordination requires working across relevant disciplines, with multiple campus stakeholders and a diverse array of students. UH Sustainability Coordinator VISTA members will build data collection and metrics systems, increase campus and community engagement, assist with building partnerships and resources for their campuses, and integrate cultural values into campus practices.

**Objective of the Assignment** (*Period of Performance: April 2019 - April 2020*)

Assist with campus Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) research and reporting and self-assessments by gathering relevant data on facilities, curriculum, community and cultural engagement in sustainability;

**Member Activity:** Develop long-term communication and reporting protocols

**Member Activity:** Develop and implement reporting systems

**Member Activity:** Document processes, ensure long-term viability of data gathering and reporting.

**Objective of the Assignment (Period of Performance: April 2019 - April 2020)**

Coordinate between UH Sustainability Office and campus faculty and staff.

**Member Activity:** Support campus sustainability committees to integrate Hawaiian culture and practices into all aspects of sustainability

**Member Activity:** Connect faculty to resources about Hawaiian culture and practices to inspire and motivate youth

**Member Activity:** Assist faculty in connecting with student sustainability groups on campus

**Member Activity:** Develop, catalog, and coordinate connections to service-learning activities

**Member Activity:** Assist faculty with natural resource curriculum (learning journeys), including planning and leading off-site field trips and activities, and coordinating guest speakers

**Member Activity:** Share opportunities about sustainability programs to youth

**Member Activity:** Support student sustainability clubs on campus

**Member Activity:** Develop on campus projects and off-site activities for student groups interested in sustainability work.

**Member Activity:** Connect faculty and student groups to community leaders/speakers.

**Objective of the Assignment (Period of Performance: April 2019 - April 2020)**

Support and improve ongoing campus sustainability events

**Member Activity:** Coordinate campus Earth Day activities each Spring, and submit blog about event including pictures

**Member Activity:** Coordinate a Collaboration Day each Fall, and submit blog about event including pictures

**Member Activity:** Work with UH System Office of Sustainability to coordinate campus sustainability efforts with broader system-wide sustainability initiatives

**Member Activity:** Seek and secure additional funding and/or sponsorships for events.

**Member Activity:** Document coordinated events with photographs, such as field trips and guest speakers (submit to Environmental Education Leadership Program Coordinator and Program Manager)