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The Sunlight Foundation offers grants to organizations and individuals who are using technology to make government more open, transparent and accountable. Our grantmaking is designed to foster and expand the ecosystem of technology-driven transparency and citizen engagement. Sunlight will also consider funding projects which use technology to make government and government data more accessible.

Project Title (10 words)

LocalWiki Government Partnership Pilot Project

What is the project? *

Please summarize the various activities and outcomes of your project. (150 words)

LocalWiki is a grassroots effort to **collect, share and open the world's local knowledge**. One of the main areas of local knowledge that contributes to the completeness and usefulness of a LocalWiki project is detailed and up-to-date information on municipal services, policies, and data.

This project pilots an approach to developing a local community of stakeholders from different sectors (community organizers, city employees, and everyday citizens/contributors) with the aim of building and ensuring sustainability for a more **transparent** municipal information ecosystem for the city.

The project will consist of work with local volunteers on independent localwiki projects to identify goals around **opening** municipal information that would be relevant to their community; develop a strategy to meet those goals; identify activities, events, and potential collaborators; and organize the activities and events.

What is the mission and objective(s) of your project? *

Please describe how your project will make government more open, transparent and accountable; foster a more engaged citizenry; or make government data more accessible. This is the statement of need or project goals. (50 words)

By creating a stable community of individuals at the local level who are invested in building and maintaining a comprehensive municipal information ecosystem for their city through their

city's LocalWiki, we hope to create a lasting force within the community pushing for **transparent** and accessible municipal information.

What makes your project unique and why will it work? *

Please describe the ways in which your project differs from others in this space and why you will achieve results. Describe your theory of change. (150 words)

LocalWiki projects are entirely community-driven and provide context on all facets of local life. Because of this, we can connect government programs and proposals with the people, places and events they shape. With increased **documentation of** government programs combined with information on the actual places and things that those programs affect, people can make more informed decisions and better shape the direction of their government.

There are currently over 70 independent LocalWiki projects in 9 countries and in 7 languages. Collectively, LocalWiki projects reach over 400,000 people each month. A number of individual LocalWikis have successfully developed a community of contributors who share, maintain, and update civic information through their LocalWiki. Based on our experience growing LocalWiki projects, we have developed a number of approaches for creating these kinds of sustainable communities.

Who is working on the project? *

Please include brief biographical information (or links to same) on key project participants and disclose any collaborators or partners you expect to work with or rely upon to achieve the project's objectives. For example, if your project will depend on resources/tools/data provided by others, please let us know. (100 words)

The project will be managed by Philip Neustrom, founder and Executive Director, and Marina Kukso, Managing Director. As founder & Director of LocalWiki, Neustrom developed the LocalWiki software & grew the LocalWiki community to include over 70 independent projects around the world. As one of the founders of the Oakland LocalWiki, Kukso has grown a community of contributors who have documented a controversial planned surveillance center, instances of police misconduct, and a contentious annual budget process. Please see the LocalWiki about page for more biographical information: <http://localwiki.org/about/>

The project will involve collaboration between the LocalWiki team, volunteers on individual LocalWiki projects, and city employees. We will coordinate with local volunteers to identify city employees to collaborate with (many of our volunteers have already had preliminary interactions with city employees who are interested in working with the project).

How long will the project take and what will be the outputs? *

Please provide a timeline of the project activities and deliverables or results. (50 words)

We propose a six month timeline for project implementation.

Month 1: Google hangouts with volunteers from the two target LocalWiki projects to identify goals (ie, what a “comprehensive civic information ecosystem” would look like for that city), develop a strategy to reach those goals, plot a timeline, and schedule activities and events with community members and city staff.

Months 2-5: Regular check-ins and site visits by the LocalWiki team to facilitate trainings and city employee editing events.

Month 6: Wrap-up with local volunteers and final push to consolidate and complete identified goals.

What is the total cost of your project? *

\$10,000

How much funding are you requesting from Sunlight? *

\$10,000

Who else is funding your project and/or how are you planning to fund it? *

Please list other funders or provide a short description of your funding strategy. This field is REQUIRED if the total cost of your project is greater than your funding request from Sunlight. (50 words)

Although we do not expect the project to cost more than the estimated \$10,000, any necessary additional funding will come out of the LocalWiki operating budget.

Anything else you would like to share about the project?

Please use this section to share anything else about your project you feel is important for us to consider. (100 words)

A number of LocalWiki projects have already done preliminary engagement with local government data, policies, services, and other information. Please see the following example entries of the intersection between community participation and official city information.

Two city councils excited about LocalWiki projects:

<https://vimeo.com/69524471>

<https://vimeo.com/45331444>

Examples of entries at the intersection of municipal information and citizen engagement:

http://daviswiki.org/5th_Street_Redesign
http://daviswiki.org/Ban_Plastic_Bags
http://oaklandwiki.org/Astro_Dog_Park_Controversy
http://daviswiki.org/Banning_leaf-blowers
https://trianglewiki.org/Wiki_Community/City_of_Raleigh_Partnership
http://oaklandwiki.org/2013_Budget_Info_Page
http://arborwiki.org/Development_Projects
https://scruzwiki.org/Heated_Issues_in_Santa_Cruz
http://roco/wiki.org/Sewer_Fiber_Optic_Network
http://arborwiki.org/Ann_Arbor_Planning_Commission
http://daviswiki.org/November_18%2C_2011_UC_Davis_Police_Response_to_Occupy_UC_Davis
http://oaklandwiki.org/Negotiated_Settlement_Agreement