Four grading criteria:

1. **Community impact.** How will the proposed project improve the lives of local residents? How many people will be affected if successful and to what extent?
2. **Innovation.** Does the project tackle the issue it seeks to address in a new and creative way?
3. **Scalability.** If successful, how easily can this project scale? Can this proposal serve as a model for other communities?
4. **Feasibility.** Does the team have a well-developed, realistic plan to execute on the proposal? Have they identified the right partners for implementation?

What's the "short story" on your project? *
Example: This project will develop a new community food share program to address Bay Area hunger problems. In three years, this project will provide fresh food to 1 million people in need and save up to 10 million lbs of food from going to waste. (Text limit: 50 words)

LocalWiki is a crowdsourced local information hub that has demonstrated an ability to radically amplify the efforts of everyday citizens to make change in their communities. We will expand LocalWiki throughout the Bay Area to give every resident open access to rich local information created entirely by their neighbors.

Community Impact
Discuss the problem your proposed project aims to address, including the total expected impact of this project on your community if executed. *
Explain how you calculated this impact number, including any assumptions made arriving at this projection. The more specific, the better. Example: Over the span of 6 months, 60 more ESL students will have learned how to read at an 8th-grade proficient level. (Text limit: 200 words)

Current count: 200 words.

We believe that open access to information is as essential to community health as clean air or water. Without open access to local knowledge, we have no hope of tackling our most pressing issues.

LocalWiki is a new common good – an open, local knowledge commons for residents to share anything they find useful about their community. It seems so simple, but we've already had tremendous impact throughout the world.

In Davis, nearly every resident uses LocalWiki (250k unique visitors/month), and 1 in 7 have contributed. (See video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_ZjtSsN28g)

In Oakland, residents used LocalWiki to document every aspect of a proposed surveillance hub (http://oaklandwiki.org/Domain_Awareness_Center). As a result, there was a huge public outcry, and the plan was significantly scaled back.

Repeatedly, we've seen similar effects in many other LocalWiki communities (we've helped bring LocalWiki to over 150 communities worldwide).

In this project, we will expand LocalWiki throughout the Bay Area, creating a space for hundreds of thousands of residents to learn about our communities, to solve our deepest problems, and ultimately, to help shape our collective future.

What are the 1-3 key indicators you will use to track progress toward the impact you described above? How will you measure these indicators? *
Example: 90% or more attendees at trainings report a change in behavior after 3 months. (Text limit: 200 words)

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When successful, LocalWiki provides a rich source of local information and becomes widely adopted within a community. Through our work growing LocalWiki, we've found that the key metrics that indicate project success are the number of entries per region, pageviews within that region, and number of contributors per region.

Based on analysis of successful projects at the one-year mark, we've determined that the below metrics one year after project start are indicative of a trajectory that shows long-term growth and broad adoption:

- Minimum of 2,000 entries per region
- Minimum of 15,000 unique visitors per month per region with significant percentages of visits coming from within the region (allowing for the fact that topics in a given region might be of interest to people outside the community as well)
- For every 300 unique monthly visitors, a minimum of 3 people should be contributors

Our community engagement efforts would be measured as follows:

- Cumulatively, LocalWiki events should reach at least 500 participants with at least 10% continuing to make at least one contribution after an event (tracked through user accounts)
- Development of at least one ongoing, sustained partnership with a local organization per region

Innovation
Describe what makes your proposed project innovative. *
If this idea has never been tried before, let us know. (Text limit: 200 words)

We don't typically think of access to information as a key element in enabling people to make change in their communities, but since starting the LocalWiki effort, over and over we've seen residents use LocalWiki to document urgent local problems, collaborate to identify solutions, explain complicated issues to fellow residents, and show people how they can be a part of changing the direction of their communities.

Repeatedly we've seen the information created and shared on LocalWiki make the difference in community efforts to make change (see here for examples: http://guide.localwiki.org/LocalWiki_being_used_for_civic_engagement).

So while ostensibly solving a local information problem, LocalWiki also creates a radical new way for people to collaborate to make change in their communities.

What other organizations are tackling this issue and what approaches have been tried in the past? *
If this idea has never been tried before, let us know. (Text limit: 200 words)

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While there have been many projects taking on the challenge of community information, we are the only organization working with communities to build open, community-created local knowledge hubs that allow residents to share whatever they think is useful to know about their community.

Local media, commercially-oriented services (Yelp, etc.), and city websites all provide some kinds of local information, but each is limited in key ways. The decline of local news has left huge gaps in local coverage; commercial services are oriented toward providing information about businesses (which is useful but not empowering); and due to limited budgets, many city websites have developed a reputation for being extremely difficult to use, and by definition, they only include information about city services.

We are the only organization taking advantage of the fact that the internet now allows an entire community to come together to fully document its past, present, and future.

Scalability
How could you go about bringing this to other communities in the Bay Area and beyond in a sustainable way? *
(Text limit: 150 words)

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LocalWiki grew out of the Davis Wiki in Davis, CA where the project has massive community adoption - making it perhaps the most successful hyperlocal information resource ever created. In 2009 we expanded our mission to bring LocalWiki to every community worldwide. Since then we've helped bring LocalWiki to over 150 communities with residents consistently using it to document issues of local importance and using this information to make change in their communities.

Through this work, we've learned that a sustained content-building and community engagement effort during the first year of a LocalWiki project leads to broad adoption, long-term sustainability, and community ownership over the project.

If selected as a winner, how would your project utilize the $500k funding received? Provide a budget for how your organization would spend this amount. *
(Text limit: 250 words)

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The project would involve starting and incubating LocalWiki projects in one city in every Bay Area county (9 total) with a goal of creating rich, living archives of local information with broad adoption in each of the 9 cities. We've demonstrated that we can produce this level of success with an active community engagement and outreach effort in the first year after project start. Additionally, a number of technical developments are necessary to scale LocalWiki for this kind of cross-regional adoption.

Specific project components are:

* Hiring 3 Community Coordinators, each responsible for 3 cities. Coordinators are responsible for implementing a community engagement plan that aims to seed their cities' LocalWikis with content and raise awareness of LocalWiki as a resource for residents.

* Technical infrastructure development: feature development and server infrastructure to improve site experience and performance for thousands of

new users.

* Technical development to provide interoperability with government social service databases and sources of open data.

* Mobile application development for easier contribution of geotagged data.

* Content-building and outreach events including "writeathons," trainings, and community workshops.

* Promotion and awareness to publicize availability of LocalWiki in the community.

* Project coordination to manage community and technical components .

Costs:

$216,000: 3 Community coordinators (cost per coordinator: $60,000 base salary + $12,000 fringe benefits)
$50,000: Technical infrastructure development
$40,00: Technical development for social service and other open data
$30,000: Mobile application development
$80,000: Events and trainings
$50,000: Promotion and awareness
$34,000: Project coordination
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$500,000 Total

There are 3 possible grant sizes. How would your project change if you received $250k?
You don't need to provide complete project plans and budget proposals here, but any specifics on changes in project outcomes or programmatic areas would be great. (Text limit: 200 words)

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Key differences would be that LocalWiki expansion would be scaled down to 6 Bay Area cities (instead of 9), number of events and amount of outreach

would be significantly scaled back, technical infrastructure improvements and development focused on integrated social services data would be significantly scaled back, community coordinator salaries will be lower (leading to more difficulty recruiting), and mobile development will be led through volunteer hackathons instead of being on the budget.

Costs:

$132,000: 2 Community coordinators (cost per coordinator: $55,000 base salary + $11,000 fringe benefits)
$15,000: Technical infrastructure development
$20,000: Technical development for social service and other open data
$40,000: Events and trainings
$25,000: Promotion and awareness
$18,000: Project coordination
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$250,000 Total

There are 3 possible grant sizes. How would your project change if you received $100k? *
You don't need to provide complete project plans and budget proposals here, but any specifics on changes in project outcomes or programmatic areas would be great. (Text limit: 200 words)

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Key differences would be that LocalWiki expansion would be scaled down to 3 Bay Area cities (instead of 9), number of events and amount of outreach would be significantly scaled back, technical infrastructure improvements would be severely curtailed (with no development on integrated social services data), community coordinator salaries will be lower (leading to more difficulty recruiting), and mobile development will be led through volunteer hackathons instead of being on the budget.

Costs:

$66,000: 1 Community coordinator at $55,000 base salary + $11,000 fringe benefits

$8,000: Technical infrastructure development
$10,000: Events and trainings
$10,000: Promotion and awareness
$8,000: Project coordination

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$102,000 Total

Feasibility
What are the 2-3 most significant risks you foresee in this project? How has your team planned to address them? *
(Text limit: 150 words)

Current words: 149

Narrow Demographic and Digital Divide: Similar to other community technology projects, there's a risk of only reaching a narrow demographic of users (typically the users that are easiest to reach are more likely to be young, white, educated, wealthy, and tech-savvy). Overcoming this challenge is a key part of our mission - since all content on LocalWiki is user-created, if only a narrow demographic contributes, the site will not reflect the priorities, needs, and knowledge of everyone in a community. To address this issue, we've designed the site for maximum usability and developed a number of community engagement strategies that have helped people in a large number of diverse communities be a part of LocalWiki in their community. For example, in the Bay Area, LocalWiki has had the largest adoption in Oakland, with large numbers of contributions from older residents, people of color, and residents who are less-experienced with technology.

What's the core project team look like? What makes them poised for success? *
(Text limit: 150 words)

Executive Director Philip Neustrom is a software engineer born and raised in

the Bay Area. He co-founded DavisWiki.org in 2004. He has worked on a variety of nonprofit efforts to engage everyday citizens, such as VideoTheVote.org, the world's largest coordinated video documentation project. He was formerly the lead developer at Citizen Engagement Laboratory, a nonprofit focused on empowering traditionally underrepresented constituencies.

Managing Director Marina Kukso is passionate about growing collaborative peer production communities. She is a co-founder and organizer with Oakland's LocalWiki. Her previous work includes managing two journals at the nonprofit open access science publisher PLOS.

Since 2009 we've helped bring LocalWiki to over 150 communities, with residents consistently using it to document issues of importance and using this information to make change in their communities.

We are advised by a diverse team of individuals with backgrounds in social justice, education, journalism, tech, and open knowledge.

Who do you consider your 3 most significant partner organizations (e.g., funders or others that have worked with your organization as a whole or on the proposed project) from the past 3 years? If none, list none. *
(Text limit: 150 words)

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Our significant partner organizations in the global LocalWiki effort are the Knight Foundation and Code for America.

Here in the Bay Area, our significant collaborators include Oakland Public Library, the Wikimedia Foundation, Youth UpRising, Building Blocks for Kids Richmond Collaborative, Ohlone College, and Peralta Hacienda.

Additionally, because we are a global movement with an approach that relies on local adoption, we've become adept at fostering local partnerships in many communities. We've built partnerships with local community organizations (including service providers, community empowerment groups, neighborhood associations, local historical societies, civic engagement groups, and grassroots activist groups), public libraries, universities and

schools, open knowledge/open data projects, and civic hacking groups.

Through these partnerships and countless informal collaborations, we've been able to grow LocalWiki from just a single project in Davis, CA to a global project with broad local adoption in over 150 communities.

How do volunteers contribute to your organization's work today? Is there a way for volunteers to help contribute to your project?
This answer will not impact your application score. (Text limit: 150 words)

From highly-technical software development to design work, volunteers contribute to LocalWiki at every level. Similar to Wikipedia, all of the content on LocalWiki is created by volunteer contributors. This is why the primary work of this project is community engagement and outreach. Our experience has shown that LocalWiki can take root in a community with an active effort to engage local residents in the first year of its introduction. The broader the base of contributors, the more diverse perspectives are included and the more useful the resource becomes. This is why we see the primary task of growing LocalWiki in the Bay Area as getting as many people involved in sharing their community knowledge via LocalWiki.

Anything else we should know?
If you're a fiscal sponsor applying on behalf of a sponsored group, elaborate on your relationship with the sponsored group as well as the number of years the sponsored group has been in operation. (Text limit: 250 words)

If you don't read anything else in this proposal, just watch this video of interviews we did on the streets of Davis in 2010:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_ZjtSsN28g

Some more information on LocalWiki:

* http://guide.localwiki.org/What_do_people_do_with_LocalWiki%3F

* http://guide.localwiki.org/LocalWiki_being_used_for_civic_engagement

* Our blog: http://localwiki.org/blog/

* Oakland Tribune - "Website aims to record everything about Oakland": http://www.insidebayarea.com/my-town/ci_24937953/website-aims-record-everything-about-oakland

* http://guide.localwiki.org/Press_mentions

* Our first year report: http://localwiki.org/first_year/ (specific figures now outdated)

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in San Francisco. Our legal name is Wiki Spot (DBA: LocalWiki) and we're currently in the process of changing our organization name to LocalWiki.

NOTES

In This project will create local information hubs

LocalWiki is a network of community-created local knowledge hubs that

allow people to share anything there is to know about the place where they live. There are already over 150 LocalWikis around the world in 9 different languages. On many of the key challenges that we face in the Bay Area (sustainability, regional planning, & more), a huge lack of basic information about local issues prevents us from figuring out . Like Wikipedia but at the local scale, LocalWiki projects are free local information that allow people to share anything that they want about their community - from how to get rental assistance to the

Imagine if it was possible to know everything there is to know about your community. What would we be able to accomplish if we had access to information about our communities the way that Wikipedia gives us access to information about global issues? In this project, we will build LocalWikis, community-created open information hubs, across the Bay Area.

In Davis, residents have used LocalWiki to pass ranked-choice-voting, demystify city processes and get more people involved in local planning, document the efforts of community activists, and more. And this effect is replicable. Since starting the LocalWiki project in 2009, LocalWikis have been adopted in over 70 communities worldwide with similar effects.

We propose to work with residents to build LocalWikis in Bay Area communities. =

Cities with rich LocalWiki projects experience transformational effects with the potential to affect every single member of the community. In Davis, CA (home of the first LocalWiki), almost every single resident uses the wiki and 1 in 7 residents have contributed to it. Residents use it for everything from tracking the development of new building projects to returning lost pets. In Davis and in many other cities, residents have used LocalWiki to pass

ranked-choice-voting, demystify city processes and get more people involved in local planning, document the efforts of community activists, and more.

In a "man on the street" video that we shot in Davis, every single person we met used the wiki and many residents couldn't imagine life without it - similar to the way that it sometimes seems difficult to think of what life would be like without Wikipedia. We aim to bring this kind of resource to the communities of the Bay Area. What would we be able to accomplish if we had access to this kind of information here?

>Today we have unprecedented opportunities to create and share information, and yet it can be easier to learn about things halfway around the world than about things in our own communities. It can be difficult (if not impossible) to find even basic information - city council activities, how to enroll children in school, the city budget process, histories of key problems in our neighborhoods. Without access to this kind of information, how can we come up with informed solutions to the major challenges that we face (sustainability, regional planning, poverty, education, and more)?

LocalWiki is a San Francisco-based non-profit where our mission is to collect, share, and open the world's local knowledge. We do this by helping communities create open local knowledge hubs where they can share whatever they would like about their community.

Since we started the project in 2009, LocalWiki has been adopted in over 70 communities worldwide. We've seen transformational effects in cities that have rich LocalWiki projects. In Davis, (home of the first LocalWiki), the wiki

is used by almost every resident, with 1 in 7 residents having contributed to it. Residents use it for everything from tracking the development of new building projects to returning lost pets. Just to give one example of how a LocalWiki can be transformational, residents used the wiki to propose a ranked-choice-voting measure. Residents debated the merits of the idea, refined it, shared evidence for and against it, and even listed community meetings relating to the measure. The measure was ultimately passed - a measure that was posted, collaboratively refined, and organized on the wiki. In a "man on the street" video that we shot in Davis, every single person we met was aware of and used the wiki and for many residents, they couldn't imagine life without the wiki - similar to the way that it sometimes seems difficult to think of what life would be like without Wikipedia.

LocalWikis are a new common good - a local knowledge commons - and as such, have the potential to affect every single resident in a community. What could people accomplish with access to easy-to-understand information about their city's budget process, our neighborhood histories, all the nonprofits in our area, the best way to get assistance for addiction, and more? And what if we created this information together, collaborating to create open, living archives of information about our communities?

There are no other organizations that are working with communities to build open, community-created local knowledge hubs.

- take advantage of new opportunities with the internet to allow people to collab to create knowledge - no longer limited by the broadcast model. move to a model of co-creation of local information. This kind of project would not have been possible twenty years ago. Even today, there are no other organizations that are doing this.

Co-creation of knowledge is a new model of creating information and a new model of making change. We've seen how communities come together to document every aspect of their community and the role that this information has in helping people work together to make change.

> LocalWikis run on an open source software that we built specifically for easy collaboration on creating local knowledge. It's extremely easy to start a LocalWiki in a community. LocalWikis are highly replicable. The project started with the Davis Wiki in Davis, CA in 2004 and eventually expanded into the global LocalWiki project where our mission is to bring community-created local knowledge hubs like the Davis Wiki to communities all around the world. LocalWiki is now in over 70 communities in 9 countries and 7 languages.

Similar to Wikipedia, all of the content on LocalWiki is created by volunteer contributors. By working with communities around the world to help them grow LocalWiki in their community, we've learned what it takes to nurture a project and help it become a resource that's as indispensable in a community as Wikipedia.

In a "man on the street" video that we shot in Davis, every single person we met was aware of and used the wiki and for many residents, they couldn't imagine life without the wiki - similar to the way that it sometimes seems difficult to think of what life would be like without Wikipedia.

Most of the ways that people typically think of to make change in their communities involve directly delivering services or advocating the powers-that-be for the change that they want to see in the community. There are new models of changemaking that often fall into the category of "peer production" - people collaborating with each other to build the things they want to see in the world. We see peer production in things like community gardens, free schools, and more. But we can also apply peer production to the creation of knowledge. Co-creation of knowledge is a new model of creating information and a new model of making change. We've seen how communities come together to document every aspect of their community and the role that this information has in helping people work together to make change.

Additionally, the role of access to information has historically been less of a focus in innovative approaches to social good. However, it's hard to overstate the role that information has in our ability to make change. When thinking about some of the major challenges that we face in the Bay Area- access to livelihood and housing, economic development, regional planning, poverty, education, sustainability, and participation in government - there is a severe lack of information about the history and magnitude of the problems we face, the things that have been tried, the factors and forces that contribute to the creation of those problems, the options moving forward and their relative merit, and the people who are working on these issues. Access to information is a force multiplier in the efforts of almost any other changemaker - it amplifies the impact of any group that is working to make change and amplifies the impact of any individual to make change in their own life and in their own community.

~~Tapping into the rich knowledge of the people in our communities to answer the questions that we most want to know about the places where we live -~~

~~why things are the way they are and how we can change them for the better - is a revolutionary approach to the question of how we make change in our communities.~~

Imagine if it was possible to learn anything there is to know about your community. And imagine if that information was created entirely by fellow residents.

Philip misc thoughts:

Connect with full context of community.
Other orgs have tried to bring libraries, social services, etc online. Social service apps. But they are so narrowly focused that they borderline on useless. There will be orgs who apply with social service apps / directory ideas here.

Real help is on a spectrum
Full context
Lift and improve the lives of all in community

Starting in Davis, CA, LocalWiki has spread to over 70 communities worldwide. In Davis, almost every single resident uses the wiki and 1 in 7 residents have contributed to it. We're now seeing this kind of effect replicate in other communities with LocalWiki.

How can we create and enact informed solutions to the major challenges in our communities without access to this kind of information?

 How much more could we accomplish if we had access to this kind of information in many more Bay Area communities?

 Information like how new building projects get approved, why some neighborhoods are poor while others are wealthy, where to get health care if you don't have health insurance, and even how to reach your local councilperson can make the difference between success and failure

Many existing community information projects provide narrow information - only about children's services for example. Yet the problems we hope to solve are complex and interrelated

Empowering people in our communities to share and apply their rich knowledge to answer the questions that are meaningful and impactful to them and where they live is a revolutionary approach to the question of how change can be made in their communities.

In LocalWiki communities around the world, we've seen local information lead to community change on issues as diverse as

For example, LocalWiki was an invaluable information resource during the city's recent debate over the Domain Awareness Center, a proposed surveillance center. Residents used the wiki to add information about the project, raise awareness, and get more residents involved. As a result of the information that became available via LocalWiki there was a huge

vicky says: Hi hi! I have found in doing direct outreach to people that mentioning that Oakland Wiki has over 5,000 articles makes their eyes pop. Maybe you'd like to mention how in 1.5 years we have grown to 5,000 articles? And how the two big growth spurts have correlated with the local history editathons and #DAC? OW as an example.

While some of this work is done by policy groups and journalists, these sources are increasingly rare at the local level and provide little opportunity for residents to share the changes that they would find meaningful in their communities.

Our approach is replicable. In the places where we've supported communities in growing their LocalWiki, we've consistently seen residents use LocalWiki to make change in their communities. While it takes time and support to grow LocalWiki projects in their infancy,

San Francisco but not at a tipping point yet..after a tipping point, communities run them themselves, but we need $ to get there***

Similar to Wikipedia, LocalWiki is a hosted website available for anyone to

edit. Communities get started with it by starting a new "region" for their city on the site. Once a community gets started with the site, it remains online in perpetuity, available for anyone to contribute to it. It's ~~incredibly~~ easy for new communities to start and there's almost no cost associated with it.

Here in the Bay Area, there is already a great deal of momentum around LocalWiki, with the Oakland project containing over 5,000 entries, but projects in other Bay Area cities are still nascent. All of these efforts are currently spearheaded by volunteers as our limited budget doesn't allow us to provide ongoing support for communities who want to grow LocalWiki.

I think we should say something like: our approach has been successfully replicated and sustained in X communities

All trends show higher internet usage, even in poor communities in the future. Building local knowledge archives now ensures that this resource will be available to the broadest number of people. Limits to internet access are a reason for bringing internet access to more people, but they are not a reason against building digital archives (like Wikipedia).

The key indicators of successful LocalWiki projects include number of 2,000 entries per region, 15,000 unique visitors per month per region with significant percentages from within the community (allowing for the fact that topics are of regional interest, etc.) pageviews within that region,
number of contributors per region.
Because a key part of our work is events, Number of participants at events, how many people create content, how many come back and continue to edit.
Partnerships developed - develop at least one ongoing partnership per region.
How self-sustaining do projects become.
Mentions.
In successful projects we've discovered that

- Number of entries in Bay Area LocalWikis
- Pageviews on Bay Area LocalWikis
- Numbers of contributors to Bay Area LocalWikis

In addition to these online metrics, the effectiveness of our community engagement and outreach efforts would be measured as follows:

- Cumulatively, LocalWiki events should have at least 500 participants with at least 10% continuing to make at least one contribution after an event (tracked through user accounts).
- Development of at least one ongoing, sustained partnership with a local organization per region.

- $#: Starting a LocalWiki in each city
- $#: Hiring community engagement and outreach workers to interface with community groups, assess needs, and provide assistance sharing information on LocalWiki. For example, a community health clinic that can't afford a website would receive training and assistance in sharing information about their services via LocalWiki.
- $#: Collaborations with public libraries in each city to conduct community workshops and trainings to add community knowledge to the site and increase awareness of the site.
- $#: Marketing/outreach budget to increase awareness of the resource

marketing? in-person methods to reach a broad base of the population after the project has formally launched

Additionally, Many residents in the Bay Area have limited or no access to the internet, limiting the breadth of perspectives reflected in the content and limiting the usefulness of the resource. However, our experience has shown that the site's usability and approachability (everyone knows something about their community and the project welcomes all of this knowledge) combined with our outreach approach leads to the creation of true community-ownership with broad participation, including from lower-income, older, and other marginalized communities. For example, in the Bay Area, LocalWiki has had the largest adoption in Oakland, one of our communities

with large numbers of people with limited access to the internet.

Narrow Demographic and Digital Divide: Similar to other community technology projects, there's a risk of only reaching a narrow demographic of potential users (typically the users that are easiest to reach tend to be younger, white, educated, and tech-savvy). Overcoming this challenge is a key part of our mission - since all content on LocalWiki is user-created, if only a narrow demographic contributes, the sites will not reflect the priorities, needs, and knowledge of everyone in a community. To address this issue, we've designed the site for maximum usability and developed a number of community engagement and outreach strategies that have yielded success in many communities around the world. With active investment in community engagement and outreach, we've shown that we can help people in a large number of diverse communities share their knowledge via LocalWiki. Just to give one example, in the Bay Area, LocalWiki has had the largest adoption in Oakland, with large numbers of contributions from older residents, people of color, and residents who are less-experienced with technology.

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Today we have unprecedented opportunities to create and share information, yet it can be easier to learn about things happening halfway around the world than about our own communities. Even basic information about neighborhoods, social services, and government activities is extremely difficult to find. Imagine what we could accomplish if everyone in the Bay Area had access to this kind of information?

LocalWikis are a new common good - local knowledge commons written entirely by residents. They are an open platform for residents to share anything that they find useful to know about a community.

Through our work growing LocalWiki in over 70 different communities, we've seen over and over that residents use LocalWiki to create and share the knowledge that allows them to take back their communities.

In Davis, CA residents used LocalWiki to propose, refine, debate, and build support for a ranked-choice-voting measure. As a direct result of these efforts, the measure was ultimately passed, creating a more democratic system of government in the city of Davis. In Oakland, residents used LocalWiki to document every aspect of the proposed Domain Awareness Center surveillance hub. As a result, there was a huge public outcry, and the plan was significantly scaled back.

Bringing LocalWiki to every community in the Bay Area will create living local knowledge archives that would give all residents the information they need to transform their communities

so much so that many residents wouldn't even know where to start to learn even basic information like what their City Council is working on

and publicize issues of priority to them and collaborating to come up with and implement the changes they want to see . It turns out that when you give people an open platform to share whatever they want about their communities, residents will consistently document their most pressing problems, explain how to receive social services and get involved in local issues, and collaborate to come up with new solutions.

Taking advantage of the new opportunities for collaboration and information-sharing afforded by the Internet, LocalWiki takes a crowdsourcing approach to local information. All around the world No one else is taking this kind of broad, open, and collaborative approach to the problem of local information and community empowerment.

When we think of the major issues facing Bay Area communities - access to jobs and affordable housing, regional planning, poverty, education, sustainability, and participation in government - these problems are large, complex, and interconnected. In all of these areas, we won't be able to develop comprehensive solutions without information about the historical factors and magnitude of these problems, the relationships between them, what's been tried in the past and what's being tried now, the people working on these issues, and more.

We're the only organization helping communities create open local knowledge hubs where they can share whatever they would like about their community.

We are the only organization working with communities to build collaborative open platform for an entire community to share its knowledge and document local issues. tackling the problem of informed communities by providing an open collaborative platform for the creation and sharing of local knowledge.

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Through our work growing LocalWiki in over 150 communities worldwide, we've discovered that given an open platform to document any aspect of their communities, residents will consistently document their most pressing problems, explain how to receive social services and get involved in local issues, and collaborate to come up with new solutions.

We are the only organization working to

Despite advances in global connectivity, only a small fraction of knowledge about the very communities we live in can be found online in any accessible or open form. The end result is that our communities suffer from a collective amnesia.

to build a shared vision of our future.

 see residents use LocalWiki to document urgent issues, collaborate to identify solutions, and show other residents how to be a part of shaping the future of their community.

What would we be able to accomplish if we had access to information about our communities in the same way that Wikipedia gives us access to information about global issues? In this project, we will build LocalWikis, community-created local information hubs, across the Bay Area.

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Imagine that learning about the history of your city council, your favorite park, or a local social service was as easy and accessible as exploring Wikipedia. In this project, we will scale and expand LocalWiki, an open-source community-created local knowledge hub, across the Bay Area.

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