

Library partnership | Draft Scope of Work

Brief description of the project

The University of Washington Information School (Principal Investigators: Marika Cifor and Maria Garrido; Senior Personnel: Megan Finn and Stacey Wedlake) **requests \$XXX in funding for a two-year National Leadership Grant for Libraries *research in service to practice* project (Goal 2: *Strengthening Community Engagement*; Objective 2.1: *promote inclusive engagement across diverse audiences*).** The project, “Libraries as Catalysts for Creating More Inclusive Data,” engages in an exploratory investigation of the ways in which **public libraries can become catalysts for creating more inclusive data on the effects of COVID-19 in socially marginalized groups.** Cases of and deaths from COVID-19 have been underreported or misreported. Despite incomplete or anecdotal information, it is clear that the pandemic has grossly inequitable *gendered* and *racialized* impacts. Our research uses a qualitative approach to answer the following research questions: (1) **How can public libraries engage and support marginalized communities in creating more inclusive data about the effects of COVID-19?** (2) **What are the most effective strategies and tools for public libraries to engage their communities in inclusive data practices that can better inform policy and program decision-making?**

Phase 1 (Aug. 2022-Jan. 2023)

- **Convene with the core project team** (1 hour)
- **Conduct one hour in-depth interview with each library partner** (1 hour max with each library partner team)

Phase 2 (Feb - Dec. 2023)

- **Participate in the Data Equity online workshop to test first iteration of the curriculum and outline community engagement strategy** (2-4 hours)
- **Participate in a monthly one-hour online Community of Practice (CoP) meetings with library partners for two months.** (2 hours in total) After concluding the workshop, the team will continue working with each individual library partner on their community engagement plans.
- **Working session with all library partners** (1.5 hours) . Once the community engagement plans are finalized, **we will convene a ninety-minutes working session** for all four library partners to share plans with each other, receive peer-to-peer feedback, and brainstorm ideas for activities during each library’s *Data Equity design thinking working session*.
- **Co-organize and participate in the *Design Working Sessions (one for each individual library, four in total)*.** Each library partner will organize and coordinate a working session to bring together community members, organizations, and other stakeholders and collaboratively develop the methodologies for inclusive data collection. The UW Team will support libraries as needed.
- **Community data collection in the four library locations.** The UW research team will work closely with partner libraries and their community partners to finalize the methodology and implementation plan for collecting inclusive data with and in target communities.

Phase 3:(January - March 24)

- **Participate in the national Data Equity Workshop.** We are still working on the details of library partner participation. We are open to suggestions and ideas from our partners.

Phase 4: (April - July 24)

- **Collaborate in the dissemination of the different outputs of the project**

Budget for each library partner: 10,000 USD