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PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Project Information

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Grantee Organization: NYC node of the global g0v-network (fiscal sponsor Sarapis.org), collaborating organization -- BetaNYC

Amount Requested: \$ 24,000

Requested Start Date: May 16, 2018

Requested End Date: one time

Project URL (if any): <http://training.g0v.network/>

Project Goal

Briefly describe what the project would accomplish with Foundation support.

Our goals are to (1) augment the civic engagement capabilities of government officials from NYC and cities in North America and, practitioners from organizations such as [BetaNYC](#), [American Assembly](#) and [Civic Hall](#), by organizing a training in Taiwan's methods for civic deliberation and collaboration between citizens and government (2) record the training and create the first English language educational material (3) host a reception to enable an international exchange between Taiwan and the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

The opportunities generated by new technologies continue to change popular expectations and create opportunities for true participation in decision-making—a vision of a fully accountable, collaborative, and effective 21st century government. Taiwan has been successfully

experimenting with future democracy: The [Public Digital Innovation Space \(PDIS\)](#) division of their Central Government runs the award-winning [vTaiwan open consultation](#) process that brings citizens and government together to craft country-wide digital legislation—to date, 25 national issues have been tackled, and more than 80% have led to decisive government action. PDIS also runs the Participatory Officers program that trains civil servants to engage with stakeholders to co-create solutions and, generate trust between citizens and the government—a program that Taiwanese public servants rate “99% effective.”

Objectives

Briefly describe the specific **strategies**, approaches or research questions that have been chosen to achieve this goal.

- Objective: Train practitioners of civic and community engagement from diverse fields, including government, policy, civic tech and urban planning, in Taiwan’s methods. This will be done through an in-person training event and, by circulating educational material from the training under creative commons license, to ensure that this new knowledge will benefit others seeking to bring consensus-building practices to solve divisive issues to their local society. This objective is part of a broader strategic cultivation of a community of practice—a deep peer-to-peer network of practitioners from a diversity of countries and expertise—for sharing best practices in this rapidly developing field.

Proposed Activities

Briefly list the major activities that would be undertaken to support these objectives (e.g. conduct empirical research, hold workshops, write papers or a book, etc.)

On June 11-12, 2018, gov-network will host an intensive 2-day vTaiwan Open Consultation & Participation Officers Training in NYC. The training will be highly interactive and led by a delegation from Taiwan including Audrey Tang, Digital Minister, and three members of the PDIS team. In-person admissions will be highly selective and restricted to a professionally and demographically diverse cohort of 30 people, with the capacity and influence to deploy participatory processes at scale; including, government officials from cities worldwide, community organizers, activists, and academics. The event will be live-streamed and recorded by media partners to create widespread, high-quality access to this valuable information.

On the evening of June 12th, our group and NYC civic organization, BetaNYC, will co-host an event to enable knowledge exchange between Taiwan and leaders from North America. Invitations have been extended to NYC Borough Presidents, NYC City

Council Members, members of NYC Mayor's Office of Data Analytics, City Council Tech Committee, delegates from Laboratorio para la Ciudad of Mexico City and, city, state, and federal officials from Canada.

After the event, multimedia and written content will be edited and distributed CC-BY-SA and trainees will be supported in their experimentation with these new methods by gaining invitation to the global g0v community Slack group.

Expected Products

List expected tangible results of Foundation support (e.g. published papers, book, printed report, video, CD-ROM, internet publication, etc.)

This work will be documented and distributed following open source best practices—outputs will include professionally recorded high-quality videos of the training event, reading material in the form of slide decks and a transcript of the training, all to be hosted on the [project website](#) and on public repositories such as vimeo and Github, under Creative Commons license. The material will be promoted through meetups of the g0v.network and conferences worldwide.

Expected Outcomes

Briefly describe results and impacts if the project is successful (e.g., new knowledge, new or strengthened institutions, improved policymaking, enhanced public understanding, etc.)

This training will greatly enhance the work of civic engagement practitioners. Surveys and self assessment questionnaires will be sent to training attendees after a 6 month period. Questions will include how this new knowledge has strengthened their home institutions, amplified existing projects (such as BetaNYC's [People's Roadmap to a Digital NYC](#) and the [Civic Assembly project](#) of the American Assembly), improved policymaking, enhanced public understanding within their sphere of influence and will ask about their motivation to recommend the learned methods to others. Survey results can be shared with funding partners.