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Call for Applications:

SJSU HRI Faculty Summer Research Grant (capped at \$5500)

The SJSU Human Rights Institute is offering one Faculty Research Grant for the Summer of 2021. It will employ a faculty member for approximately six weeks of Summer research activities (5-10 hrs./week, total capped at \$5500). The grant recipient will be announced at the 2021 HRI/ISSSSC Spring Research Colloquium on Human Rights and Social Change, on April 27th (2:00-5:00).

About the PBSJ:

SJSU HRI faculty researchers (P.I.s: Miranda Worthen and William Armaline) teamed up with Sacred Heart Community Service and 30+ community organizations and public agencies to research and create a "People's Budget of San José" [PBSJ] representing the needs and spending priorities of city residents. The research aspect of this project should be understood in two parts (below).

1. Focus Groups

Several focus groups (5-8 residents each) will be conducted via Zoom with a diverse range of local residents to explore what are described as the most pressing public needs, definitions of "public safety," and to begin the process of public education the budget and budget process.

2. Public Survey

Following these focus groups, SJSU HRI and broader PBSJ Coalition will solicit a brief, online survey to at least 0.05% (5-7K people) of the city population. The survey will allow residents to express their definitions/visions of public safety and establish community defined needs.

The results of the PBSJ project will be presented and made available to the public as a series of reports and useful materials. These products are intended to inform policy and practice in San José for the foreseeable future. We are now wrapping up focus groups, beginning data organization/analysis from focus groups, and preparing for survey design and solicitation.

How to Apply:

Any SJSU faculty member is eligible to apply. Please send a brief cover letter, resume/CV, and two page research proposal to william.armaline@sjsu.edu by April 5th. Research proposals should first include how the faculty member could contribute to the PBSJ. Possible avenues are (1) public survey design, implementation, and data analysis (including relevant training, skills, and experience) (2) analysis and dissemination of focus group and interview data (3) additional research and creative dissemination practices aimed at understanding

and promoting the perspectives of marginalized San José residents. Second, proposals should include creative visions of how this robust data set could be analyzed and presented in such a way to (1) establish community defined needs on issues of public safety and security, and (2) communicate those needs in the most useful way possible for use by the public, policy makers, and community organizations. Please note that the grant recipient will have the opportunity for and expectation of co-authored publication of official PBSJ reports and other RSCA products with P.I.s.

Sincerely,

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