Grantee Informatio	n					
ID		1382				
Grantee Name		WILL-FM				
City		Urbana				
State		IL				
Licensee Type		University				
1.1 Employment of Full	-Time Radio Emp	loyees			Jump to question: 1,1	$\overline{\vee}$
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1.1 Employment of Fuil	-Time Radio Empl	oyees			Jump to q	uestion: 11 🗸
Major Job Category / Job Code / Joint Employee	African American Females	Hispanic Females	Native American Females	Asian/Pacific Females	White, Non-Hispanic Females	Tot
Officials - 1000						
Managers - 2000						
Professionals - 3000				2	2	
Technicians - 4000				-1		
Sales Workers - 4500						
Office and Clerical - 5100						
Craftspersons (Skilled) - 5200						
Operatives (Semi- Skilled) - 5300						
Laborers (Unskilled) - 5400						
Service Workers - 5500						
Total	0	0	0	2	2	
1.1 Employment of Full	-Time Radio Empl	oyees			Jump to q	uestion: 1.1 V
Major Job Category / Job Code / Joint Employee	African American Males	Hispanic Males	Native American Males	Asian/Pacific Males	White, Non-Hispanic Males	Tof
Officials - 1000				Mules	muida	101
Managers - 2000					2	
Professionals - 3000						

Technicians - 4000								0
Sales Workers - 4500								0
Office and Clerical - 5100								0
Craftspersons (Skilled) - 5200								0
Operatives (Semi- Skilled) - 5300]				0
Laborers (Unskilled) - 5400								0
Service Workers - 5500								0
Total	0	0		0		1	6	7
1.1 Employment of F	ull-Time Radio Er	nployees				Jump to qu	uestion: 1.1 N	/
Major Job Category / Job Code / Joint Employee						Persons wi	th Disabilities	;
Officials - 1000								
Managers - 2000								
Professionals - 3000								
Technicians - 4000								
Sales Workers - 4500								
Office and Clerical - 510	00							
Craftspersons (Skilled)	- 5200							
Operatives (Semi-Skille	d) - 5300							
Laborers (Unskilled) - 5	400							
Service Workers - 5500								
Total							0	
1.1 Employment of F	ull-Time Radio En	nployees				Jump to qu	uestion: 1.1	7
Please enter the gender person with disabilities I			ale).					
1.2 Major Programm	ing Decision Make	ers				Jump to gu	uestion: 12 \	2
Please report by gender major programming dec decisions about program result in a double-count programming decisions by job category above, i	isions. Include the st in acquisition and pro ing of some full-time should be included in	ation general manage duction, program dev employees; employeen the counts for this it	er if appropriate. Nelopment, on-air per having the response to the second seco	Major pro program	ogramming decisors scheduling, etc.	sions include . This item sho	uld	
1.2 Major Programm	ing Decision Make	ers				Jump to gu	estion 1.2 N	
Of the full-time employe have responsibility for m			cluding the statio	n genera	al manager,			
1.2 Major Programm	ing Decision Make	ers				Jump t	o question: 1.	2 🗸
А	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	/Pacific I	White, Non-Hispanic	-	Total

Female Major Programming Decision Makers						0
Male Major Programming Decision Makers	3				1;	1
Total	0	0	G	0	1	1
1.3 Employment of	Part-Time Radio E	mployees			Jump to question: 1.	3 🗸
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1.3 Employment of	Part-Time Radio E	mployees			Jump to	question: 1.3 🗸
Major Job Category	African American Females	Hispanic Females	Native American Females	Asian/Pacific Females	White, Non-Hispanic Females	Total
Officials - 1000						0
Managers - 2000						0
Professionals - 3000	1				1	2
Technicians - 4000						0
Sales Workers - 4500						0
Office and Clerical - 5100						0
Craftspersons (Skilled) - 5200			-			0
Operatives (Semi- skilled) - 5300						0
Laborers (Unskilled) - 5400						0
Service Workers - 5500						0
Total	1	0	0	0	1	2
1.3 Employment of	Part-Time Radio E	mployees			Jump to	question: 1.3 V
	African		Native		White,	
Major Job Category / Job Code	American Males	Hispanic Males	American Males	Asian/Pacific Males	Non-Hispanic Males	Total
Officials - 1000						0
Managers - 2000						0
Professionals - 3000					6	6
Technicians - 4000						0
Sales Workers - 4500						0
Office and Clerical - 5100						0
Craftspersons (Skilled) - 5200						0
						0

Operatives (Semi- skilled) - 5300					
Laborers (Unskilled) - 5400					0
Service Workers - 5500					0
Total	0 0	0	0	6	6
1.3 Employment of P	rt-Time Radio Employees			Jump to question: 1.3 V	
Major Job Category / Job Code			D	ersons with Disabilities	
Officials - 1000			-	ersons with Disabilities	
Managers - 2000					
Professionals - 3000					
Technicians - 4000					
Sales Workers - 4500					
Office and Clerical - 510					
Craftspersons (Skilled) -	5200				
Operatives (Semi-skilled	- 5300				
Laborers (Unskilled) - 54	00				
Service Workers - 5500					
Total				0	
1.4 Part-Time Employ	ment			Jump to question: 1.4 V	
Of all the part-time emplo worked 15 or more hours	yees listed in Question 1,3, how many worke per week, but not full time?	d less than 15 hours p	per week and how m	any	
1.4 Part-Time Employ	ment		l.	Jump to question: 1.4 V	
Number working less that	1 15 hours per week			4	
1.4 Part-Time Employ	ment			Jump to question: 1.4 V	
Number working 15 or m	re hours per week			4	
1.5 Full-Time Hiring			J	Jump to question: 1,5 V	
Enter the number of full-t (Do not include internal p	me employees in each category hired during romotions, but do include employees who cha	the fiscal year, anged from part-time	to full-time status dui	ring the fiscal year.)	
1.5 Full-Time Hiring			J	Jump to question: 1.5 🗸	
No full-time employees w	ere hired (check here if applicable)				
1.5 Full-Time Hiring			J	lump to question: 1.5 🗸	
Major Job Category / Job Code	Minority Female Non-Minority Female	e Minority Mal	le Non-Minority	Male Total	
Officials - 1000				0	
Managers - 2000				0	
Professionals - 3000			1	1	
Technicians - 4000					

						0
Sales Workers - 4500						0
Office / Service Workers - 5100-5500						G)
Total	0		0	1	0	1
1.6 Full-Time and Part	-Time Job Openings				lumn to	question: 1,6 V
Enter the total number of it previously filled positions regardless of whether the whether it was filled by an the promotion of an emplonewly created position to leave the promotion of an emplorement of the promotion of the promotion of an emplorement of the promotion of an emplorement of the promotion of the promotion of an emplorement of the promotion of the	and newly created position y were filled during the your internal or an external copyee who stays in essent	ons. Include all po ear, If a job openi andidate. Do not tially the same job	ositions that becan ng was filled durin include as job ope but has a differen	ne available during g the year, include nings any position t title (i.e. where th	oth vacancies in g the fiscal year, e it regardless of as created through	h
1.6 Full-Time and Part	-Time Job Openings				Jump to	guestion: 1.6 V
Number of full-time and pa	art-time job openings					4
1.7 Hiring Contractors					Jump to	question: 1.7 V
During the fiscal year, did	you hire independent co	ontractors to provi	de any of the follow	ving services?		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
1.7 Hiring Contractors					lumo to	question: 1.7 V
•					,	ck all that apply
Underwritting solicitation r	elated activities				Olle	
Direct Mail						
Telemarketing						
Other development activiti	ies					
Legal services						
Human Resource services						
Accounting/Payroll						⊔
Computer operations						
Website design						
Website content						
Broadcasting engineering						
Engineering						
Program director activities						
None of the above						
Comments						
Question		Comment				
No Comments for this sec	tion					
2.1 Average Salaries F	ULL TIME EMPLOYE	ES ONLY			Jump to	question: 21 V
			# of Employees	Avg. Ann	ual Salary	Average Tenure
Chief Executive Officer				ş		

Chief Executive Officer - Joint		\$	
Chief Operations Officer		S	
Chief Operations Officer - Joint		5	
Chief Financial Officer		S	
Chief Financial Officer - Joint	1.00	\$ 75,000	1
Publicity, Program Promotion Chief		\$	
Publicity, Program Promotion Chief - Joint		5	
Communication and Public Relations. Chief		S	
Communication and Public Relations, Chief - Joint	1.00	\$ 50,160	3
Programming Director		9	
Programming Director - Joint	1.00	\$ 58,448	28
Production, Chief		S	
Production, Chief - Joint		S	
Executive Producer	1.00	\$ 77,478	3
Executive Producer - Joint		\$	
Producer	2.00	\$ 36,993	2
Producer - Joint		\$	
Development, Chief		\$	
Development, Chief - Joint	1.00	\$ 81,598	29
Member Services, Chief		ş	
Member Services, Chief - Joint	1.00	\$ 54,399	5
Membership Fundraising, Chief		9	
Membership Fundraising, Chief - Joint		\$	
On-Air Fundraising, Chief		ş	
On-Air Fundraising, Chief - Joint	1.00	\$ 44,434	22
Auction Fundraising, Chief		\$	
Auction Fundraising, Chief - Joint		\$	
Underwriting, Chief		\$	
Underwriting, Chief - Joint		\$	
Corporate Underwriting, Chief		s	
Corporate Underwriting, Chief - Joint		\$	
Foundation Underwriting, Chief		\$	
Foundation Underwriting, Chief - Joint		\$	
Government Grants Solicitation, Chief		\$	
Government Grants Solicitation, Chief - Joint		s	
Operations and Engineering, Chief		s	

Operations and Engineering, Chief - Joint	1.00	\$ 82,763	13
Engineering Chief		5	
Engineering Chief - Joint	1.00	\$ 56,008	1
Broadcast Engineer 1		\$	
Broadcast Engineer 1 - Joint	1.00	\$ 57,283	21
Production Engineer		\$	
Production Engineer - Joint		s	
Facilities, Satellite and Tower Maintenance, Chief		S	
Facilities, Satellite and Tower Maintenance, Chief - Joint		s	
Technical Operations, Chief	1.00	\$ 46,200	20
Technical Operations, Chief - Joint		s	
Education, Chief		3	
Education, Chief - Joint		s	
Information Technology, Director		s	
Information Technology, Director - Joint		s	
Volunteer Coordinator		\$	
Volunteer Coordinator - Joint		s	
News / Current Affairs Director	1.00	\$ 75,723	5
News / Current Affairs Director - Joint		S	
Music Director		\$	
Music Librarian/Programmer		s	
Announcer / On-Air Talent	1.00	\$ 42,766	26
Announcer / On-Air Talent - Joint		4	
Reporter	4.00	\$ 41,434	6
Reporter - Joint		S	
Public Information Assistant		s	
Public Information Assistant - Joint		s	
Broadcast Supervisor	1.00	\$ 48,278	3
Broadcast Supervisor - Joint		s	
Director of Continuity / Traffic		ş	
Director of Continuity / Traffic - Joint	1.00	\$ 53,081	13
Events Coordinator		ş	
Events Coordinator - Joint		ş	
Web Administrator/Web Master		\$	
Web Administrator/Web Master - Joint		s	
Total	-		

				21.00	982038	201
Comments						
Question	-1-6-40-	C	Comment			*
No Comme	nts for this section					
	ning Board Metho					to question: 3.1 V
Enter the n ex-officio m	umber of governing be embers) who are sele	oard members (including ected by the following r	ng the chairperson a nethods:	and both voting and	กon-voting	
3.1 Gover	ning Board Metho	d of Selection			Jump	to question: 3.1 V
Ex-Officio (Automatic membersh	ip because of another	office held)			1
3.1 Gover	ning Board Metho	d of Selection			Jump	to question; 3.1 V
	oy govemment legisla vemment official (e.g.	tive body (including so governor)	thool board)			9
3.1 Gover	ning Board Method	d of Selection			lumn	to question: 3.1 V
Elected by	community/membersh	nip			Garrip	10 question, [0,1 4]
3.1 Gover	ning Board Method	d of Selection			lumo	to question: 3.1 V
	se specify below)				Jump	to question, 3.1 V
	,					3
3.1 Gover	ning Board Method	d of Selection			Jump	to question: 3.1 🗸
student trus	stees elected by refer	enda - one from each l	JI Campus			
3.1 Gover	ning Board Method	d of Selection			Jump	to question: 3.1 V
Elected by	board of directors itse	lf (self-perpetuating bo	ody)			
3.1 Gover	ning Board Method	d of Selection			Jump	to question; 3.1 V
Total numb	er of board members	(Automatic total of the	above)			13
3.2 Gover	ning Board Membe	ers			Jump	to question: 3.2 V
Please repo	ort the racial or ethnic	group of the members	of your governing b	oard by gender. Ple	ease also report the	
	governing board mem					
3.2 Gover	ning Board Membe	ers			Jump	to question: 3.2 V
For minority	group identification,	please refer to "Instruc	tions and Definition	s" in the Employmer	nt subsection.	
3.2 Gover	ning Board Membe	?rs				Jump to question: 3.2 V
	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian / Pacif	ic White, Non-His	spanic Total
Female Board Members	1,					1 2
Male Board Members	2	2				7 11
Total	3	2	0		0	8 13
3.2 Gover	ning Board Membe	ers			Jumo	to question: 3.2 V
Number of	Vacant Positions				S-111,	0
3.2 Gover	ning Board Membe	ers			Jump	to question: 3.2 V

Total Number of Board Members (Total should equal the total reported in Question 3.1.)	13
3.2 Governing Board Members	to question: 3.2 V
Number of Board Members with disabilities	o question.
Comments	1
Question Comment	
No Comments for this section	
4.1 Community Outreach Activities	
out to	to question: 4.1 V
Did the grant recipient engage in any of the following community outreach services, and, if so, did the outreach activity formal component designed to be of special service to either the educational community or minority and/or other diver-	nave a specific, se audiences?
4.1 Community Outreach Activities	to average and A.A.
Junp	to question: 4.1 V
Produce public service announcemnts?	Yes/No
Did the public service announcements have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the educ	No
community?	cational No
Did the public service announcements have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the mind community and/or diverse audiences?	ority No
Broadcast community activities information (e.g., community bulletin board, series highlighting local nonprofit agencies	s)? Yes
Did the community activities information broadcast have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service educational community?	e to the Yes
Did the community activities information broadcast have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service minority community and/or diverse audiences?	e to the Yes
Produce/distribute informational materials based on local or national programming?	Yes
Did the informational programming materials have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the educational community?	e Yes
Did the informational programming materials have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the community and/or diverse audiences?	e minority Yes
Host community events (e.g. benefit concerts, neighborhood festivals)?	Yes
Did the community events have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the educational com-	munity? Yes
Did the community events have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community events have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community events have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community events have a specific formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community events have a specific formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community events have a specific formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community events have a specific formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community events have a specific formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community events have a specific formal component designed to be of special service and the special service formal component designed to be of special service for the special service formal component designed to be of special service for the special service for the special service formal component designed to be of special service for the specia	nity and/or Yes
Provide locally created content for your own or another community-based computer network/web site?	Yes
Did the locally created web content have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the education community?	onal Yes
Did the locally created web content have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community and/or diverse audiences?	Yes
Partner with other community agencies or organizations (e.g., local commercial TV station, Red Cross, Urban League, district)?	school Yes
Did the partnership have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the educational community:	? Yes
Did the partnership have a specific, formal component designed to be of special service to the minority community and audiences?	Vor diverse Yes
Comments	
Question Comment	
No Comments for this section	
5.1 Radio Programming and Production Jump to	o question: 51 V
Instructions and Definitions:	
5.1 Radio Programming and Production Jump to	o question; 5.1 🗸

About how many original hours of station program production in each of the following categories did the grant recipient complete this year? (For purposes of this survey, programming intended for national distribution is defined as all programming distributed or offered for distribution to at least one station outside the grant recipients local market.)

5.1 Radio Programming and Production		Jump to	question: 5.1 V
	For National Distribution	For Local Distribution/All Other	Total
Music (announcer in studio playing principally a sequence of musical recording)		921	921
Arts and Cultural (includes live or narrated performances, interviews, and discussions, in the form of extended coverage and broadcast time devote to artistic and/or cultural subject matter)	2	312	314
News and Public Affairs (includes regular coverage of news events, such as that produced by a newsroom, and public issues-driven listener participation, interview and discussion programs)	410	423	833
Documentary (includes highly produced longform stand alone or series of programs, principally devoted to in-depth investigation, exploration, or examination of a single or related multiple subject matter)			0
All Other (incl. sports and religious — Do NOT include fundraising)		17	17
Total	412	1,673	2,085
5.1 Radio Programming and Production		Jump to	question 5.1 V
Out of all these hours of station production during to charge of the production? (Minority ethnic or racial American/Pacific Islander.)	he year for about how many groups refer to: African-Ame	was a minority ethnic or racial group me rican, Hispanic, Native American and A	ember in principal sian
5.1 Radio Programming and Production		Jump to	question: 5.1 V
Approx Number of Original Program Hours			255
Comments			
Question	Comment		
No Comments for this section			
6.1 Telling Public Radio's Story		Jump to	question: 6.1 🗸
The purpose of this section is to give you an opport community about the activities you have engaged in needs by outlining key services provided, and the let those services. Please report on activities that occu. Responses may be shared with Congress or the puto post a copy of this report (Section 6 only) to their	n to address community ocal value and impact of ured in Fiscal Year 2017, ublic. Grantees are required	Joint licensee Grantees that have fit Content and Services Report as par requirement for TV CSG funding madone so in the corresponding questong as all of the questions below withey relate to radio operations in su	rt of meeting the ay state they have tions below, so were addressed as

they relate to radio operations in such report. You (10) days after the submission of the report to CPB. CPB recommends placing must include the date the report was submitted to CPB along with the TV Grantee ID under which it was

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mandatory.

the report in an "About" or similar section on your website. This section had

previously been optional. Response to this section of the SAS is now

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1. Describe your overall goals and approach to address identified community issues, needs, and interests through your station's vital local services, such as multiplatform long and short-form content, digital and in-person engagement, education services, community information, partnership support, and other activities, and audiences you reached or new audiences you engaged.

During FY 2017, Illinois Public Media/WILL continued to cleave to the mission and vision developed with its partner station, Peoria's WTVP: Enriching lives through the power of public media; dynamic, thriving communities created by informed and inspired people, integrating values including accountability, community, diversity, innovation, and integrity to serve our existing audiences where they are, and to attract new audiences. WILL is a dual licensee and, as such, is able to bring a variety of created content to audiences on many platforms. These include our AM & FM radio stations and audio/video streams, our television stations, a mobile app for phones and tablets that allows audio and video content to be delivered in real-time or on-demand, original podcasts, podcast versions of our broadcast work made available via podcast delivery services, our website, our social media platforms, and events. In many cases, cross-platform content delivery is not just a possibility, but a preference, as we work hard to expand our audience and reach into all sectors of our community. We also just like getting out and meeting the people we serve, whether it's while we're inviting members to learn more about station projects at "Wake Up With WILL" events,

making an appearance at a local farmers' market, premiering a kids' program at a local public library, or having a conversation with a viewer/listener in the comments section on one of our social media platforms. Partnership and collaboration with other stations continues to be of critical importance, and something WILL explores at every opportunity. This allows us to expand the variety of programs we offer, and makes our programs available to audiences that may not be in our immediate listening or viewing areas, In FY 2017, Illinois Public Media's overall approach to identifying community needs was to work with partners in the region who assess those needs. In addition, WILL staff hosted community conversations/listening sessions with various groups. Various departments, and sometimes the station overall, would then determine which resources we could apply to the need, for how long and with which partners. By addressing community needs in this way, we hope to increase awareness and connect people to available community resources, We also strive to partner with other entities in our community, including schools, municipalities, festivals/special community events, and non-profits whenever we can to raise awareness about issues affecting our area. Our goals, and ability to deliver on those goals, continue to evolve over time as external pressures (politics, state fiscal issues, technology, etc) – demand continued flexibility and strategic thinking.

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2. Describe key initiatives and the variety of partners with whom you collaborated, including other public media outlets, community nonprofits, government agencies, educational institutions, the business community, teachers and parents, etc. This will illustrate the many ways you're connected across the community and engaged with other important organizations in the area.

In February 2017, Illinois Public Media partnered with a filmmaker from Chicago's Kartemquin films to broadcast Stranded by the State – a digital web series-turned-documentary about the effect of Illinois' state budget crisis on its citizens, especially those most at risk (kids in poverty, seniors, the homeless, and others). It was carried by every public television station in Illinois, WILL continued its partnership with CU Citizen Access and the Center for Midwest Reporting, whose additional in-depth, investigative reporting augmented our newsroom's output and reach into communities less familiar with public radio. The Illinois Newsroom project, funded in large part by a grant from CPB, made new hires and began the process of producing a website and other content in FY2017. This project brings together several partner stations from throughout Illinois to cover three specific content areas: health and environment, education, and state politics. Illinois Public Media/WILL received a two-year engagement grant from the McCormick Foundation to hire a visiting engagement strategist to work with Illinois Newsroom. Through online and in-person conversations and events, Illinois Newsroom will invite the audiences we serve into the editorial process, connecting and empowering communities across the state. The Senior Engagement Strategist will drive face-to-face and online community engagement for Illinois Newsroom building internal and external support for engagement principles grounded in creating pathways for listening and co-creating content and impact between the public and Illinois Newsroom. We created a national search for this position and were interviewing finalists during FY 2017. The station continued its partnership with the University of Illinois' University Laboratory High School ("Uni High") on radio content development. Due to personnel changes at Uni High School in early 2017, the collaboration did not create any content in this fiscal year period; planning and researching for upcoming projects continued, however, and with a permanent hire at Uni, are now moving forward. WILL's long-standing Book Mentor Project placed volunteers in Head Start and other early childhood classrooms to read books and participate in other story-related activities, 700 children received 8 books during the school year to take home. WILL has partnered with the Champaign Park District Leonhard Center to guide teens in their summer camp through On the Moon, a spaceengineering curriculum sponsored by NASA and PBS Design Squad. On the Moon offers six hands-on challenges that bring engineering and NASA's moon missions to life for kids. The challenges take one to two hours each, use readily available materials, give kids many ways to succeed, and can be done with large or small student groups. This curriculum also meets many of the national science, technology, and mathematics standards. We then collaborated with fifth grade students enrolled in the Martin Luther King Elementary after school program participated in the WILL-TV Design Squad Global program. Each week the students were introduced to hands-on engineering and invention activities and the design process. The weekly challenges built on each other as the club progressed over the six weeks. To enhance the student experience, the King students were paired with two other Design Squad Clubs from Asuncion, Paraguay and Johannesburg, South Africa. The students completed interviews and shared videos and information about their school and community. Along with that, they exchanged pictures and videos of the engineering activities they completed each week. When the students began the program, they had limited knowledge about the design process or engineering. Throughout the weeks, they learned about some different fields of engineering from the Illinois Edition of PBS LearningMedia. We learned about mechanical engineering, environmental engineering, electrical engineering, graphic engineering, civil engineering, and robotics engineering. The students utilized the design process as they completed the weekly challenges. These challenges were a lot of fun and made the students think about ways they could improve their designs or achieve each task more efficiently. WILL further strengthened its ties with the University of Illinois' College of Media, especially via internships for students interested in broadcast journalism. These interns worked in the newsroom and have had opportunities to work on talk show production and other projects. WILL also took on technical operation and leadership of "UI-7", the College of Media's Public, Educational, and Governmental Access (PEG) Channel. UI-7 will continue to serve as a local resource spotlighting the activities and accomplishments of the campus community while also providing an educational opportunity for students, UI-7 is managed by a student intern, WILL also showcased #BlackScienceMatters, a web series by University of Illinois journalism students investigating the underrepresentation of black students in the sciences, on the web and on television as interstitial programming. The 21st, a daily hour-long talk show hosted by Niala Boodhoo that explores issues relevant to the 21st state (Illinois) in the 21st century, continued to be a trailblazer in Illinois media. The program runs every weekday on five radio stations in Illinois (WILL, WUIS, WGLT, WNIJ, and WCBU), with plans to add others in FY2018. The 21st has also created special programming around news events, such as our Governor's State of the State and Budget addresses, and has broadcast remotely from Chicago and Springfield. There are plans to do more remote broadcasts from the stations carrying the show in FY2018. Our award-winning ART/BTS web series, which featured artists from throughout our viewing and listening area, was awarded funding for a spinoff web series, Classical/BTS. Planning and pre-interviewing were underway toward the end of FY2017 for the series, which will focus on looking at classical music in central Illinois through a different lens, WILL's FM classical station partnered with the University of Illinois' Krannert Center for the Performing Arts to bring From the Stage at Krannert Center: Poetry and Song with Nathan and Julie Gunn and the Jupiter String Quartet. Similar collaborations are in the talking stages for FY2018. WILL's agricultural programming, conducted in partnership with University of Illinois Extension, continued to dominate the landscape, providing up-to-the-minute commodity market reporting, weather forecasts, and other information to an audience not typically thought of as public radio listeners. Host Todd Gleason broadcasted remotely from 38 sites and covered 60 events last year including stops in Fargo, Kansas City, Washington, D.C., and more than a few Illinois farm fields. Bandwagon, a WiLL-created podcast examining the intersection between sports and culture, continued production. The program is available as a podcast and on-demand audio on the web. Segments were often used during local Moming Edition and other programming, extending its reach. The planned addition of an intern in 2018 should help augment the show's quality considerably

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3. What impact did your key initiatives and partnerships have in your community? Describe any known measurable impact, such as increased awareness, learning or understanding about particular issues, Describe indicators of success, such as connecting people to needed resources or strengthening conversational ties across diverse neighborhoods, Did a partner see an increase in requests for related resources? Please include direct feedback from a partner(s) or from a person(s) served.

WLL's Book Mentor Project continued to grow. While 700 children received eight books during the school year for their personal libraries, their parents also benefited from family resource nights presented with other community partners, and research has indicated that the Book Mentor project supports gains in reading and math by children, it also connects more than 50 volunteers – providing over 600 total hours of service – to children within the community – a valuable experience for both parties. Agricultural programming – whether it's a farmer listening in real time to an agricultural weather forecast and commodity news or a podcast downloaded at the end of the day – is a critical, and often overlooked, key initiative for WILL. We have heard repeatedly from farmers about the value this programming has for the business side of their operations. The attendance at two key agricultural conferences hosted by WILL – the All-Day Ag Outlook held each March in Covington, IN and the WILLAg Farm Assets Conference held each November in Bloomington-Normal, IL – is well into the hundreds, bringing together farmers and agricultural experts at important points in the farming season – the beginning and the end.

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4. Please describe any efforts (e.g. programming, production, engagement activities) you have made to investigate and/or meet the needs of minority and other diverse audiences (including, but not limited to, new immigrants, people for whom English is a second language and illiterate adults) during Fiscal Year 2017, and any plans you have made to meet the needs of these audiences during Fiscal Year 2018, If you regularly broadcast in a language other than English, please note the language broadcast.

The Book Mentor Project continued to meet the needs of young children in Head Start and other early childhood classrooms, augmenting the home libraries of 700 children with 8 books apiece during the year. Further programming was developed and deployed to help parents share the books with their children outside the classroom. Illinois Radio Reader is a free radio service for the blind and visually impaired community in east central Illinois — and beyond, for digital listeners. More than 550 listeners are kept up to date on world, national, state, and local news by listening via a special radio receiver or online via a livestream. More than 70 volunteer readers read local and national newspapers aloud for anyone who has a visual or physical disability that impairs their ability to read. In FY2018, WILL hopes to meet the needs of minority and diverse audiences via content produced by the Illinois Newsroom, especially with its emphases on health/education, Illinois politics, and the environment, and continued special programming from The 21st, We'll continue our work with Vietnam veterans and our project partner, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum on radio broadcast content creation and with engagement events. Plans are underway to launch a Midwest-centric film series for TV broadcast, aiming for carriage throughout the Midwest region. We have plans to continue and expand the Illinois Radio Reader and Book Mentor projects as much as possible in FY2018.

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5. Please assess the impact that your CPB funding had on your ability to serve your community. What were you able to do with your grant that you wouldn't be able to do if you didn't receive it?

Funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is absolutely critical to the fulfillment of WILL's mission to enrich lives through the power of public media, especially at the local level. The vast majority of our local work is made possible because we receive this funding from CPB. It provides a solid foundation upon which we can build, but it also allows us to be creative and thoughtful in how we reflect our very unique communities back to themselves; CPB funding helps us do our best to create a sense of place and community identity for everyone in our viewing and listening area, no matter who they are. Without funding from CPB — and the previous funding we've received to build the Illinois Newsroom journalism collaborative, the funding we've received to develop a high-level strategic plan as part of the Central Illinois Public Television Collaborative with WTVP, and the funding CPB provided for us to be a founding station for the DCA in Jacksonville, FL — we would not be able to provide our communities with the content and services they expect - and need - at this incredibly pivotal time in the U.S. Grants from CPB keep our current content initiatives going, leaving other resources available to augment and improve our in-house technologies and equipment. CPB makes quality public media possible in markets like ours, and we are deeply, deeply grateful for the support. Thank you.

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7.1 Journalists

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This section builds on the Census of Journalists conducted by CPB in the summer of 2010. These positions are the primary professional full-time, part-time or contract contributors to local journalism at your organization. The individuals in these positions will have had training in the standards and practices of fact-based news origination, verification, production and presentation. These are generally accepted titles for these positions but may not match position descriptions at your organization exactly. Please do your best to account for each professional journalist in your organization. Please do not count student or volunteer journalists.

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