

## **REPORTER - FOUR CORNERS REGION (GRANT-FUNDED)**

### **Background**

This is a grant-funded, three-year, full-time public radio broadcast journalism position, based in southwest Colorado. *Voices from the Edge of the Colorado Plateau* project (funded by Colorado Media Project's Community News Network) is a multi-year collaborative project led by [KSJD Community Radio](#), in partnership with [KSUT Tribal Radio](#) and [KSUT Four Corners Radio](#), to stretch both stations' existing efforts to elevate underserved voices and perspectives in rural southwest Colorado.

### **Citizen Focused Enterprise Journalism**

KSJD and KSUT, both NPR member stations, will enhance their existing staffing, infrastructure, and content by hiring a shared full-time reporter. The reporter's beat for *Voices from the Edge of the Colorado Plateau* will focus on issues identified directly by citizens and organizations within the two tribes and five counties covered by the collaborating radio newsrooms. Current issues affecting marginalized voices include economic and social inequities for Native American populations; mental and physical health; and rural issues including agriculture, extractive industries, water, and broadband access.

### **Job Summary**

The reporter will find and report on marginalized voices in the Four Corners region, focusing on stories from Native, Indigenous, and Latinx communities. Coverage will take the form of features, spots, and interviews. The ability to produce sound-rich radio stories is important, and an ability to adapt audio stories to web stories is preferred. The reporter will report to co-editors from KSJD and KSUT. The reporter is encouraged to seek out and pitch ideas and work collaboratively with co-editors. The reporter's work will air on KSJD Community Radio, KSUT Four Corners Radio, and KSUT Tribal Radio. It will also be published on each website.

### **Life in the Four Corners**

The reporter position also comes with incredible opportunities to experience all that southwest Colorado and the Four Corners region have to offer, whether while reporting in the field or exploring for fun. Hiking national parks in the summer, exploring archeological sites, and digging into the rich culture and history of the Four Corners, all within a quick drive from the studios at both KSJD and KSUT. The reporter would have the flexibility to live in any of the communities between the two stations.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Seek out, research, and pitch stories and news items from underrepresented populations, focusing on Native, Indigenous, and Latinx community members.
- Report, interview, and record sound in the field.
- Write and produce 2-4 sound-rich features or interviews per month, and 3-5 spots per week.
- Work with editors on each story.
- Prepare story elements for web posts.
- Take photos to accompany stories.
- Work with the project's community advisory group to identify and gather stories.
- Track stories for content and source diversity.
- Complete assignments and grant deliverables in a timely manner.
- Work with KSJD and KSUT staff to develop and implement audience impact surveys.

## Secondary Responsibilities

- Attend regular meetings with editors to develop and adapt coverage strategy as needed.
- Attend community outreach events and Community News Network cohort meetings as needed.

## Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in journalism and/or comparable journalism experience at a newspaper, digital outlet, or radio station.
- Demonstrated radio broadcast experience.

## Preferred Qualifications

- Familiarity with southwest Colorado and contacts within the groups whose voices and perspectives are often underrepresented and unappreciated, especially among Native American and Indigenous populations.

## Compensation: \$37,000/year

**Benefits:** Medical, dental and vision. Operational IRA and life insurance. (Employees contribute approximately 20% of medical benefits.)

## Application

Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Primary consideration will be given to applicants who apply by Friday, February 18, 2022. Position open until filled.

To apply, please [submit](#) the following:

1. A cover letter that:
  1. Demonstrates your drive for covering and giving voice to underrepresented communities.
  2. Answers the question: How would you cover communities that have been traditionally underrepresented in the media?
2. Resume
3. Three professional references with phone and email contact information.
4. Links to at least two radio or audio news stories, interviews, or podcasts you worked on, along with descriptions detailing your role in the pieces. Provide links to the pieces via Google Drive, your personal website, a media organization website, etc. If you lack audio samples, you may submit previously-written news stories or other announcements. They can be included as a separate document in your application materials.