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• Increasing leadership capacity among populations who have been historically excluded from decision-making processes (low income, immigrant, and communities of color).
• Organizing our constituents to work to ensure their views are heard in local, state, and federal levels of government to help shape and impact policies;
• Conducting analysis by service site locations with a comprehensive list of elected officials and their staff members, as well as their committee memberships and areas of interest;
• Developing a calendar of activities to establish excellent working relationships with our representatives;
• Using strategic communications to make the case for advocacy agenda, in collaboration with our Strategic Communications Manager;
• Integrating advocacy and policy messaging into social media strategy to raise visibility and expand our base of supporters;
• Advocating for and positioning GSS’s new social enterprise endeavor, Think Grand Café, which is scheduled to open in October 2017 as part of Essex Crossing, as a means to bring visibility to the organization and the issues on which we are advocating; and
• Seeking project-specific support to fund the identified advocacy campaign, in collaboration with the Institutional team.

REQUIRED AND PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Required Qualifications:
• PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences;
• Commitment to and familiarity with social justice issues that impact low-income communities of color, such as affordable and safe housing, employment opportunity and workers’ rights, access to public education, food security, sustainable community development, LGBTQ rights, and access to public benefits and income support;
• Creativity, an orientation toward results, a willingness to learn, and the ability to manage multiple ongoing projects;
• Strong motivation, organization, and adaptability;
• Excellent writing, speaking, and analytic skills;
• Experience facilitating multidisciplinary meetings;
• The ability to build effective relationships to maximize collective impact;
• Political sophistication and an understanding of power; strategic thinking, and how to move a policy advocacy agenda;
• The ability to build effective relationships to maximize collective impact; and
• Ability to attend 6-8 community meetings held on weekday evenings and some weekends each month. The Fellow’s schedule will be adjusted to accommodate as needed.

Preferred Qualifications
• Experience in policy advocacy, policy research and analysis, coalition building, or a related field;
• Experience managing complicated projects, including organizing allies, staff, Board, volunteers, program participants, and activists;
• Familiarity with settlement houses and/or community-based organizations preferred; and
• Ability to work with diverse communities and cultures; bilingual in Spanish or Chinese a plus.

APPLICATIONS
• Information on the ACLS Public Fellows Program: www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows
• All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
• Application deadline: March 24, 2016, 8 pm Eastern Daylight Time

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