Become a Smart Community with US Ignite

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Smart city technologies support a range of new services that benefit communities of all sizes. However, when it comes to the application of these technologies, local leaders face challenges in balancing resource limitations with the unique requirements of their home communities.

Founded in 2012, US Ignite is a national nonprofit created to help communities address these challenges. We support select communities in creating vital local and national partnerships with extensive support from our Smart Gigabit Communities (SGC) network. We offer local leaders the tools necessary for building smart community strategies, applications, RFPs, and sustainability plans -- all designed to help drive new services, startups, jobs, and innovation investments.

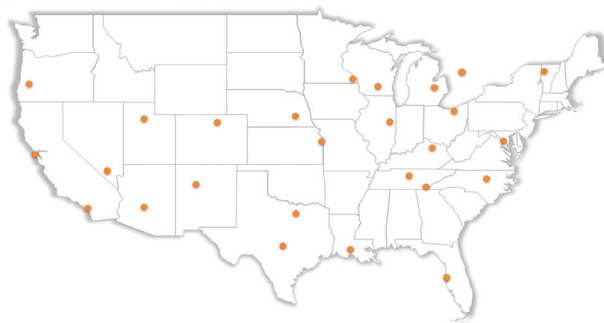| SGC SECTORS					
PUBLIC SAFETY	TRANSPORTATION	ENVIRONMENT	BUILDINGS	EDUCATION & WORKFORCE	TOURISM
WATER & WASTE	HEALTHCARE	LIGHTING	GOVERNMENT	DIGITAL INCLUSION	ENERGY

BENEFITS TO CITIES

US Ignite helps communities prepare smart city initiatives to expedite the adoption of new city services, and to develop innovative practices that stimulate job growth, the startup environment, and real estate investment. US Ignite partners with communities to provide:

- **RESOURCES**
  US Ignite provides smart community playbooks, reference documents from across the municipal landscape, model practices, RFP guides, sustainability plans, and toolkits.

- **NATIONAL VISIBILITY**
  US Ignite promotes SGC communities to the public and potential funders through events, media outreach, and new project collaborations.

- **NATIONAL PARTNERS AND GRANT FUNDING SOURCES**
  US Ignite recommends funding sources from private institutions and government agencies to support project deployment and increase local sustainability.

- **ALL-SGC COLLABORATION**
  US Ignite fosters collaboration among SGCs via regular meetups to share smart city challenges, solutions, and model practices, and provides additional individualized technical assistance and capacity-building services.
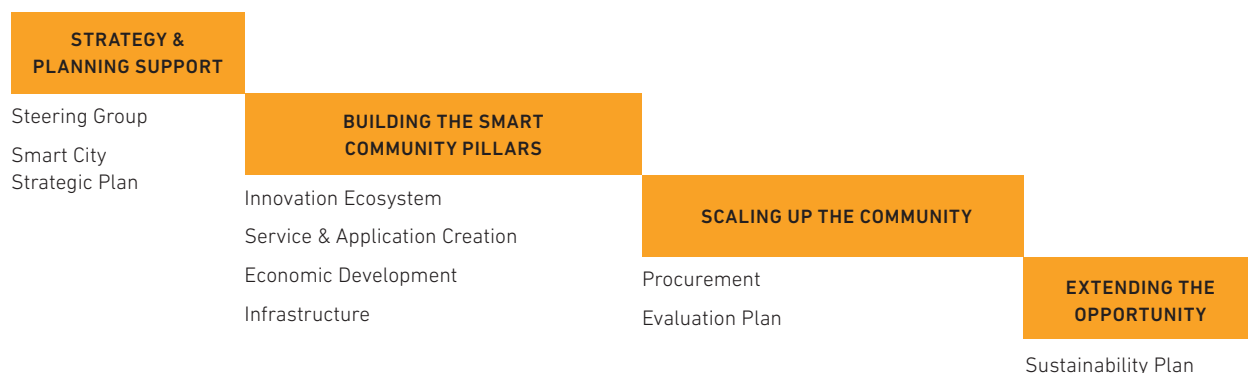
US Ignite is selecting a few new communities to join the SGC network of smart communities and smart regions. Those selected can leverage US Ignite's:

- Strong network of municipal, private sector, and technology research experts
- Ecosystem of 27 existing SGC community partners
- Library of smart city services and applications, playbooks, work plans, and RFP documents
- Deep understanding of the funding trends from private institutions and government agencies designed to support locally driven, smart community initiatives

SUPPORTING SMART COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The SGC program helps facilitate local engagement, expand partnerships, search for new funding opportunities, and provide customized assistance informed by years of public and private sector experience. With each of our communities, we work to create a tailored roadmap for development, and to facilitate transformation over a three-year timeline as illustrated below.

STRATEGY & PLANNING SUPPORT

Steering Group

Smart City Strategic Plan

BUILDING THE SMART COMMUNITY PILLARS

Innovation Ecosystem

Service & Application Creation

Economic Development

Infrastructure

SCALING UP THE COMMUNITY

Procurement

Evaluation Plan

EXTENDING THE OPPORTUNITY

Sustainability Plan

SAMPLE TIMELINE AND MILESTONES

JOIN US IGNITE SMART GIGABIT COMMUNITIES

Ready to join? New participants can gain capacity-building support from the US Ignite Smart Gigabit Communities team with a one-year, $30,000 membership fee paid by the municipality or on behalf of the community by another partner. US Ignite will be a neutral guide and an advocate in your community to ensure that intended smart city outcomes are reached, with a goal of boosting local innovation, economic development, and quality of life.