

Become a Smart Community with US Ignite



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 US Ignite Communities. 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.

US IGNITE COMMUNITIES SECTORS					
 PUBLIC SAFETY	 TRANSPORTATION	 ENVIRONMENT	 BUILDINGS	 EDUCATION & WORKFORCE	 TOURISM
 WATER & WASTE	 HEALTHCARE	 LIGHTING	 GOVERNMENT	 DIGITAL INCLUSION	 ENERGY

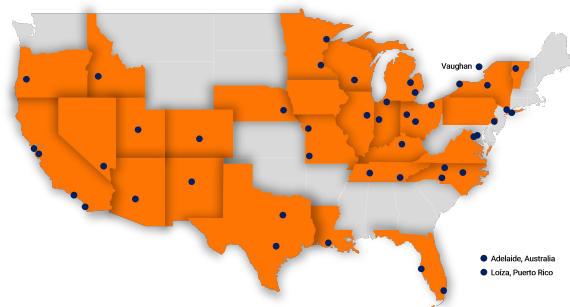
BENEFITS TO CITIES

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 PARTNERS AND GRANT FUNDING SOURCES**
US Ignite recommends funding sources from private institutions and government agencies to support project deployment and increase local sustainability.
- **NATIONAL VISIBILITY**
US Ignite promotes communities to the public and potential funders through events, media outreach, and new project collaborations.
- **ALL COMMUNITIES COLLABORATION**
US Ignite fosters collaboration among communities via regular meetups to share smart city challenges, solutions, and model practices, and provides additional individualized technical assistance and capacity-building services.

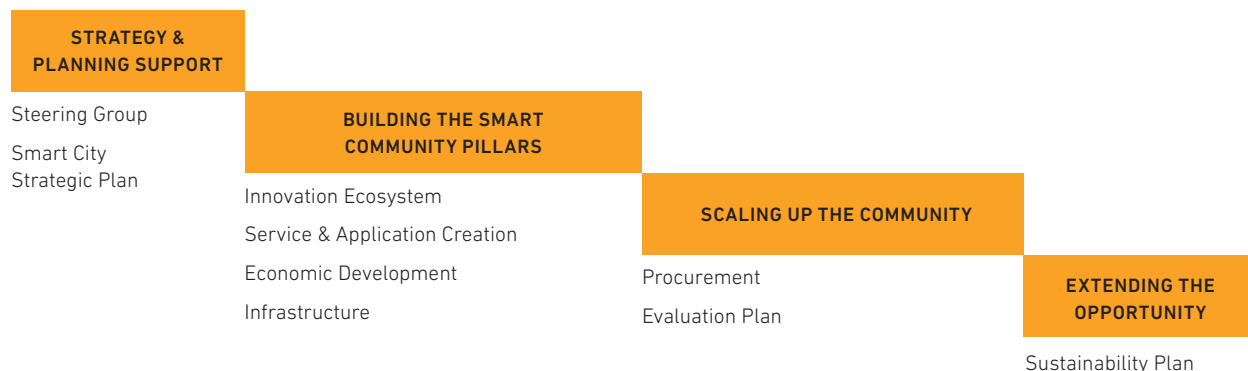
US Ignite is selecting a few new communities to join its network of smart communities and smart regions. Those selected can leverage US Ignite's:

- Strong network of municipal, private sector, and technology research experts
- Ecosystem of 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 US Ignite Communities 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.



SAMPLE TIMELINE AND MILESTONES

JOIN US IGNITE COMMUNITIES

Ready to join? New participants can gain capacity-building support from the US Ignite Communities team with a 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.