Become a Smart Community with US Ignite

US ignite COMMUNITIES

Smart city technologies support a range of new services that benefit communities of all sizes. However, when developing applications for 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 communities in creating vital local and national partnerships with extensive support from our network. We offer local leaders the tools necessary to build smart community strategies, applications, RFPs, and sustainability plans designed to help drive new services, startups, jobs, and innovation investments and construct win-win scenarios.

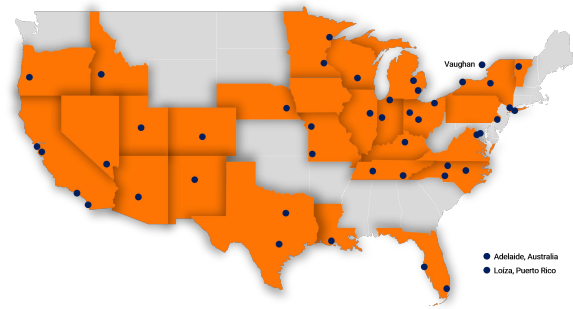| SECTORS					
PUBLIC SAFETY	TRANSPORTATION	ENVIRONMENT	BUILDINGS	EDUCATION & WORKFORCE	CONNECTIVITY
WATER & WASTE	HEALTHCARE	LIGHTING	GOVERNMENT	DIGITAL INCLUSION	ENERGY

BENEFITS TO CITIES

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

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

- **NATIONAL VISIBILITY**
  US Ignite promotes 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.

- **PEER 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.

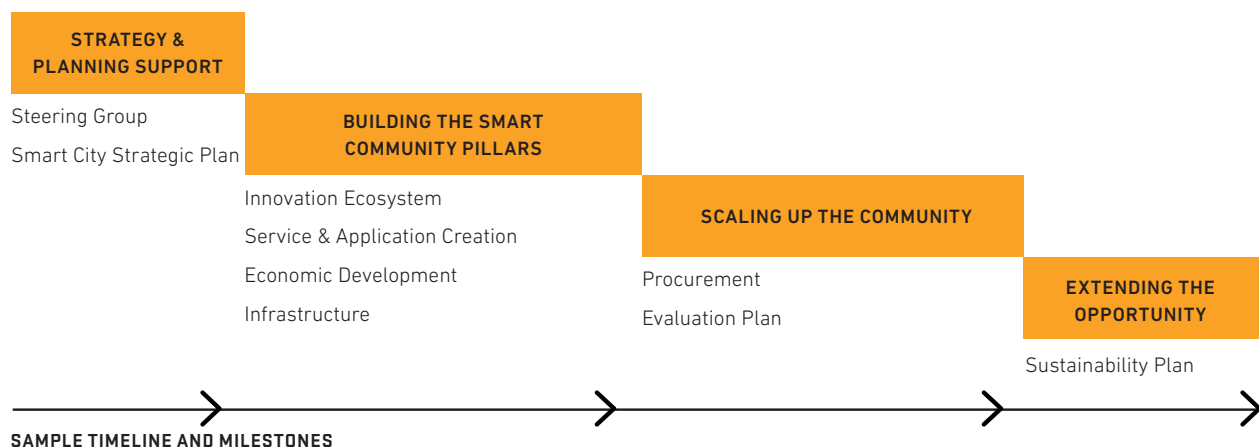For a complete list of US Ignite Communities, head over to us-ignite.org.

US Ignite welcomes the opportunity to support new communities interested in joining this network. US Ignite Communities 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

Vaughan

Adelaide, Australia
Loiza, Puerto Rico

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. We work with each of our communities to create a tailored development roadmap and facilitate transformation 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

BECOME A US IGNITE COMMUNITY

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 the goal of boosting local innovation, job and startup growth, economic development, and quality of life.