

THE SMART CITIES CHALLENGE IS ON

The Government of Canada is challenging communities, large and small, to come forward with their best ideas to improve the quality of life of their residents through innovation, data and connected technology.

The Smart Cities Challenge is about **community-driven** innovation. It's about identifying priorities that are as diverse as Canada's communities themselves, and working together to achieve **meaningful outcomes**.

DEFINE YOUR COMMUNITY'S CHALLENGE STATEMENT

Communities understand best the most pressing, most important issues they face. The Challenge Statement defines the outcome a community aims to achieve through its smart cities proposal.

WHAT IS A SMART CITY APPROACH?

A smart cities approach has the potential to improve **every aspect of community life** – how people move around, how they are empowered and included in society, how they live an active and healthy life, how they feel safe and secure, and how they earn a good living.

Proposals can focus on achieving outcomes in any area of community systems or services, such as education, emergency services, public health, roads and transportation.



ONE PRIZE OF UP TO \$50 MILLION
OPEN TO COMMUNITIES OF
ALL SIZES



TWO PRIZES OF UP TO \$10 MILLION
FOR ALL COMMUNITIES WITH
POPULATIONS UNDER 500,000



ONE PRIZE OF UP TO \$5 MILLION FOR
ALL COMMUNITIES WITH A POPULATION
UNDER 30,000

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Municipalities, local or regional governments
- Indigenous communities including First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities

Two or more of these community groups can submit a joint application.

Infrastructure Canada is engaging Indigenous leaders, communities and organizations to finalize the design of a competition specific to Indigenous communities that will reflect their unique realities and issues. Indigenous communities are also eligible to compete for all the prizes in the current competition.

MEANINGFUL IMPACTS



**REALIZE OUTCOMES
FOR RESIDENTS**



Communities will measure where they are starting from, when they are making progress, and when they have achieved success. Establishing a baseline and measuring results will be central to achieving outcomes.



**EMPOWER COMMUNITIES
TO INNOVATE**



Communities should think big and identify solutions to their significant, persistent problems.



**FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIPS
AND NETWORKS**



Communities will undertake meaningful engagement with residents and forge relationships with new and non-traditional partners.



**SPREAD THE BENEFIT
TO ALL CANADIANS**



Smart Cities approaches should not only benefit a single community, they should be scalable and replicable across Canada.



**READY? SET?
START INNOVATING!**

More information, including applicant guideline and support information is available on the Impact Canada Challenge Platform. Follow the Smart Cities Challenge on Twitter (#smartcitiesCanada) and on Facebook.