

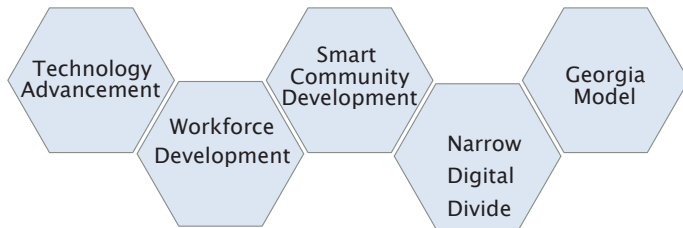


GEORGIA SMART COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE

The Georgia Smart Communities Challenge (“Georgia Smart”) aims to foster public sector awareness and adoption of advanced technologies by supporting local governments across Georgia as they plan for and implement these technologies in their communities. Georgia Smart extends existing smart city development by bridging the gap between cities and other local governments, encouraging a market pathway for industry partners into new domains, and linking local governments with cutting-edge university research.

BENEFITS

Georgia Smart benefits participating governments and industry partners by expanding the market of smart cities to new contexts and scales. Georgia Smart builds a pipeline to advance smart communities in five ways.



COMPONENTS

Georgia Smart supports participating governments in four ways. These components provide opportunities for partners to reach new audiences through direct support and thought-leadership.



2019 TIMELINE

Pre-proposal workshop and webinar will be held in March and April. Applications are due on May 3, 2019, and projects will kick off in September.

CHALLENGE DETAILS

Georgia Smart is an opportunity open to all communities in Georgia. Teams must be led by a Georgia city or county government but may include other municipal governments and non-governmental partners. Winning teams will be awarded grants of \$50,000 in direct funding with a required local match plus an additional \$25,000 in research funding for a Georgia Tech research partner. Proposals should include a framework and detailed first-year plan for adopting “smart” technologies and doing research in one of the following areas:

SMART USE CASES

Safety & security, Traffic management and intelligent transportation systems, Parking management, Electric transportation for low income areas, Smart lighting, Digital signage to support community engagement, Resilience, or Other creative use of lighting poles to support smart city efforts.

The projects may encompass other use cases, but at least one of the above is a base requirement for participation in the Smart Communities Challenge.

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