Pre-Application

Welcome to the Georgia Smart Communities Challenge 2021 Pre-application!

Thank you for your interest in our program, and we look forward to learning about your community's vision, motivation, and project!

Please remember to complete your answers before submission and save them in an alternate location. Two to three paragraphs per question should be sufficient, and responses should not exceed 2,500 words each or 5,000 words total. Please complete all sections.

Community name:

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Q1. Describe the vision your community has for broadband deployment. This section should address the following questions: ·   What is your vision for having improved broadband access in your community?   ·   What standards are you trying to meet through this proposed project?   ·   How does improved access to broadband fit in with current community overall vision and goals?   ·   What do you hope to achieve through this program in the long-term?

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Q2. Discuss your community's motivation to participate in the GA Smart Communities Challenge. This section should address the following questions: ·   What are the current conditions and state of connectivity in your community?   ·   If connectivity is unavailable or scarce, what policies or procedures have been developed or are planned to work around community needs for broadband?   ·   Describe any prior efforts, citizen feedback, or other motivating factors.

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Q3. The second year of the Georgia Smart 2021 cohort will include implementation of a technology pilot and/or application of technologies. Give an overview of technolog(ies) that would benefit your community and serve as the base on which you build a formal funding proposal. The application of technology should be clearly relevant to your vision and motivation. This section should address the following questions: ·   Which subtopic would your project be centered around? You may select one or more, but one subtopic should be the main focus: o   Agricultural Technology o   Healthcare o   Education and Workforce Development ·   How is your community planning to address the current conditions and motivating factors described in the previous sections?   ·   Provide an example of an ideal use-case in your community. Refer to Section 2.2 for examples of use cases under each sub-topic. ·   What types of partnerships have you already established in pursuit of this project, especially with broadband providers or technology implementers?

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Q4 Point of Contact / Project Lead:

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Q5 E-mail address for the Point of Contact:

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Q6 Phone number for the Point of Contact:

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Q7 Point of Contact's best hours of availability to field application questions (if required):

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