



MetroLab Network works with *cities, universities, federal agencies, philanthropy, and industry* to advance the impact of *data- and tech-focused research* to address priorities in cities and communities. Our network includes 28 cities, 6 counties, and 36 universities.



What We Do

1. We cultivate partnerships between universities and local governments to drive *research-informed, evidence-based policy* and enable *data and technology transformation*.
2. We foster a peer network of stakeholders from academia and local government that constitute an *applied, interdisciplinary field of research and practice*.
3. We connect to an *ecosystem of federal, philanthropic, and civic partners* with a shared interest in the promise of civic research and innovation.

Our Initiatives



Member Community



Civic Innovation Challenge



Annual Summit



Innovation of the Month



Thought Leadership



Climate Challenge Cup

CIVIC INNOVATION CHALLENGE

POWERING SMART & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Process:

Competition Tracks:

Application

Teams of civic and academic partners applied to one of the two tracks in summer 2020

Stage 2

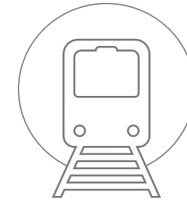
Review panels offered awards to 17 teams, each receiving up to \$1M

Stage 1

In early 2021, review panels offered awards to 52 teams, each receiving up to \$50K

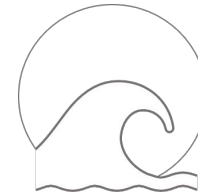
Implementation

Teams will undertake their projects over 12 months and learn from each other as a cohort



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