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CITY OF IRVING TEAMS WITH OTHER CITIES TO SEEK PILOT PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS

The 2020 Community and Economic Development Innovation Cohort is actively seeking pilot proposals in community and economic development solutions, as well as in remote provision of governance services and other emergency response solutions for COVID-19. The deadline to submit is May 13,

Irving has teamed with Aurora, Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri; Riverside, California; and Shoreline, Washington, along with the nonprofit group [Third City Coalition](#), which is dedicated to improving civic engagement in Stockton, California.

Irving's call for solutions is aimed at discovering and testing innovative pilots that would boost economic development within the Irving Heritage Crossing District. The desire is to bolster overall activity in the area and create a vibrant place for people to gather as a community. Participation in this effort aligns with Irving's goal to use data and technology to improve government efficiency, bolster economic development and enhance overall quality of life.

The [Innovation Cohort](#), supported by [Engaging Local Government Leaders \(ELGL\)](#) and [Urban Leap](#), announced its second-year pilot in January to focus the program on economic and community development. With the onset of COVID-19, the cohort decided to expand the challenge to include an aspect of the pandemic's impact. The cohort also is interested in strategies and technologies that can enable governments to support business and economic resilience during times of economic uncertainty.

The five agencies are now seeking pilot proposals from vendors, partners and others interested in assisting these cities, counties, and towns with this work. Solution providers must apply by 11:59 p.m. EST on Wednesday, May 13.

- The Community and Economic Development Team wants to radically improve the well-being of residents. Whether it's funding for downtown improvements or central business district funding, [they want to hear about your solution](#).
 - The Remote Governance Response Team is looking to find unique ways build economic resilience, both due to COVID-19's immediate impacts and because of longer-term considerations. If you have an idea to help facilitate these changes going forward, [apply here](#).
- Interested providers should use the links above to submit their solutions for review by Wednesday, May 13. Reviews will be conducted by the cohort team, its mentors, and organizational leaders. Vendors whose first-round reviews are positive will be invited to attend one of the available time slots for interviews and presentations with the cohort members. After interviews are completed, the cohort anticipates releasing its final selections and notifying all vendors by June 1.
- [Community & Economic Development Pilot Challenge Intake Form](#)
 - [Remote Governance Pilot Challenge Intake Form](#)
- More information about the Innovation Cohort is [available online](#).

For questions, contact [Jeremy at Urban Leap](#) or [Emily at ELGL](#).

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