

APPLICATION

Apply online at [this link](#) where you can find an interactive application and all supplemental information and documents. **Applications are due by July 17, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. eastern time.**

Learn more at www.smartgrowthamerica.org/services/community-connectors-2026

Local commitments

If awarded this technical assistance, do you commit to completing a Complete Streets demonstration project within the duration of the Academy?

- I commit to performing this action
- I cannot commit to this action

If awarded this technical assistance, do you commit to engaging a cohort of approximately 5-10 local decision-makers, staff, and stakeholders that will participate in each one of a series of virtual workshops (approximately 30 hours total)? *The in-person workshop is also part of this training, but will likely involve a smaller subset of this cohort (5-6) for the two city teams that are traveling.*

- I commit to performing this action
- I cannot commit to this action

If awarded this technical assistance, would you be able to host an in-person workshop in your jurisdiction?

- We can host a meeting
- We can host a meeting and potentially provide food or other materials

Project description

Describe the road or street creating the damage or disconnection: Describe your proposed corridor or intersection(s). Where is it located? (X street between Y and Z streets. The X000 block of MLK Ave)

Tell us about the division and danger created by this road or corridor. How does it divide communities? When was it built or widened? How were those decisions made? What sort of barriers does it create? What data do you have on serious injuries or deaths along it?

While we will be refining the final project site selections during the cohort training, you will need a specific corridor or intersection in mind. *Max 250 words.*

Community information

Community overview: Describe your city or community and the affected project area (if known), including data on demographic information (population, race, income, etc), community type (urban, suburban, exurban, rural), land use (residential, commercial, industrial, mixed use, etc), important destinations (job center, schools, etc). What is important for us to know about your city? *Max 250 words.*

Community co-empowerment and engagement.

Describe the strategy and scope of any community engagement thus far on your project idea. How have the affected residents and neighborhoods been engaged and involved in the process? *Max 250 words.*

Team structure

Co-lead local government organization

- Jurisdiction name:
- Lead contact name:
- Title
- Email
- Phone
- **Partnership:** Describe your relationship with the CBO or other community organization listed below:
- **Past experience with community engagement on this topic:**

Co-lead community-based government organization.

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Team list

Please list at least 5 (and no more than 12) individuals with names, titles, and departments or organizations who you expect to include in your cohort. This is not intended to be an ironclad final list of the team, which will likely be larger, but more like a starting point for your ideal team. I.e, you are likely to discover during the onboarding process a vital person or organization that is not presently at the table. SGA will help you fill out the full team during the onboarding process, so this list does not have to be final.

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Outcomes

Has your community ever completed a demonstration project or tactical urbanism project before?

Yes

No

If so, please describe: *Max 100 words.*

What are you hoping to achieve from the Community Connectors program? Why are you most interested in applying? *Max 250 words.*

What do you see as the biggest barriers and challenges to participating in this program and completing a demonstration project? *Max 250 words.*

Miscellaneous

Other information: Any helpful links you'd like to include (letters of support from an elected official, department head, other community groups; existing project website, photos of the site, etc.), please include here. *If applicable, add text here, 100-word maximum:*

How did you learn about this opportunity? *Max 100 words.*

What are your go-to sources for learning about innovative ideas in the built environment? Please share specific social media accounts, newsletters, podcasts, YouTube channels, blogs, organizations, or other resources that shape your thinking on topics like reconnection, quick builds, climate resilience, and community development. *Max 100 words.*