



# Smart Illinois News

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## Resources and Funding Opportunities



The National Science Foundation [Wireless Innovation for a Networked Society \(NSF WINS\) Wins Wireless Community Challenge](#). Challenges are sponsored by the NSF to encourage the development of solutions to deficient wireless connectivity in communities affected by disasters as well as those who never have had sufficient overall access.

[Smart Infrastructure Challenge launched for cities, regional bodies](#). Venture Smarter has offered support services for the first 25 applicants who will collaborate on plans to improve infrastructure and transportation in their communities. Collaboration across governments and agencies is encouraged.

The [Smart Infrastructure Challenge](#) will be launched on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Summit in Cincinnati. Top teams will be selected and will then compete for resources following their standing in the Smart Regions Conference on October 25<sup>th</sup>. A [Project Planning Checklist](#) is available for teams preparing to compete.

Compete to be chosen as one of five cities to be awarded resources for an entire year through the Connected Community Resources from the [Smart Cities Council](#).

## Smart Street Lighting

The State of Illinois Smart Street Lighting project is a finalist in the Sustainable Infrastructure category of the International Data Corporation (IDC) Government Insights Smart Cities North American Awards. The IDC is a provider of market intelligence and telecommunications and information technology resources. Click [here](#) to vote.



### More News –

[Intel says smart cities can give back 125 hours a year to citizens](#)

### Smart State Events –

Attend the [Chicago Digital Government Summit](#) May 9<sup>th</sup> to learn and share best practices and innovation in the public sector.

The [Chicago Connector](#) hosts [connexion lot](#) May 11<sup>th</sup>

Learn more about [Connected Cities USA](#), Oak Brook, May 31st