



FORWARD CITIES

2018 MEMBER CITIES BENEFITS

WELCOME to Forward Cities! Through our recent merger with CEOs for Cities, we are the largest and most dynamic city learning network in the country with a commitment to driving inclusive innovation in our communities. We believe that collaboration of cross-sector, cross-generation talent within and between cities and regions drives success. When your city joins Forward Cities, you're joining an all-star network of practitioners, innovators, and decision-makers committed to creating a more resilient economy for all.

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

Connections, Learning, Support, Collaboration, Impact

NATIONAL NETWORK:

Forward Cities' most powerful asset is our city learning network. Our national cross-sector, cross-generation network is made up of practitioners and policy-makers dedicated to accelerating inclusive innovation in their local communities and exploring opportunities for collaboration between cities. By joining, your city will have an opportunity to connect with other city leaders in our network, share ideas, and access capacity building tools and resources. This includes access to our membership directory as well as invitations to our conferences and meetings. At the Leadership Level, your mayor will be asked to join an exclusive Mayor's Innovation Council and funders and city leaders will be eligible to join the Forward Cities Leadership Circle with dedicated peer networking and learning.

NATIONAL CONFERENCES:

When your city joins, you will get a free or discounted rates to attend our fall national conference and be invited to a members only spring workshop including our next gathering in Durham, NC June 4-6. These conferences help Forward Cities members ditch the status quo. We get hands-on, interactive, practical, and very real.

CAPACITY BUILDING:

By joining, cities also have access to a host of capacity building tools and resources. This includes eligibility to apply for funding support and training for a one-year Innovation Fellow as well as technical assistance to form a local Innovation Council, map your local inclusive innovation economy, develop a strategic plan, and receive matching implementation grants through our Forward Shift Labs.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Hands-on workshops, an invitation to a Quarterly Trends webinars and regular doses of recommended readings keep Forward Cities members sharp on scalable solutions and best practices for making progress in their cities.

ESTABLISHING A CITY CLUSTER:

To maximize the benefit of joining the Forward Cities network, it is highly recommended that member cities form cross-sector clusters of leaders (i.e. a local Innovation Council) who attend convenings together and continue to meet throughout the year to help apply lessons learned and stay aligned on efforts to advance inclusive innovation locally. Please contact us for best practices and guidance on launching an effective cross-sector cluster.



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

The membership levels for a city per year are as follows:

Benefits	Leadership \$20,000	Community \$10,000	Entry \$5,000
Mayor's Advisory Invitation	Y	N	N
Leadership Circle Invitation	Y	N	N
Forward.Shift Lab Eligibility with funding & support	Y	Y	N
Innovation Fellow Eligibility with funding & support	Y	Y	N
Five free passes to each Convening & Workshop	Y	N	N
One-time five free passes to Convening OR Workshop (TOTAL)	Y	Y	N
Five discounted passes of 50% to Convening & Workshop	Y	Y	N
Eligibility to host convening/ workshop/ site visit	Y	Y	N
Invited to Quarterly Trends Webinar	Y	Y	Y
Access to Members Directory	Y	Y	Y

Individuals and organizations can also register for the national convening for \$600/ individual.

We also encourage regional clusters of cities to join Forward Cities – particularly a metro “hub” and surrounding micropolitan “spokes.” If your region is interested in exploring this opportunity and the associated discounts, please contact us.

FROM OUR MEMBERS:

“It was awakening to learn about the current trend of urban renewal going on across the US and not just in our own region. I have a broader perspective of the positive aspects of this trend and am greater able to embrace this change in my own city now.”

— 2017 Greenville Workshop

“I appreciated the experience, and now I'd like to know how to apply these practices at home.”

— 2015 Indianapolis National Meeting

“I learned a great deal. Generated good ideas and questions for me to bring back home.”

— 2017 Greenville Workshop

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