

An aerial night view of a modern city skyline. The central focus is a tall, illuminated skyscraper with a distinctive, tapering design. The city is lit up with various lights, including streetlights and building lights, creating a vibrant urban scene. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting dusk or early evening. In the foreground, there are some green spaces and a winding road.

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What Works Cities Certification

A national standard for well-managed, data-driven local government

What Works Cities Certification helps cities benchmark their progress and develop a roadmap for using data and evidence to deliver results for residents.

The criteria outline the people, processes, and policies key to a well-managed city. By recognizing local governments excelling in this work, Certification provides models others can learn from.



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Data for policy making

Policy areas where cities have **sufficient data**

- Mobility
- Policing & law enforcement

Policy areas where cities have **insufficient data**

- Social inclusion, welfare & equity
- Culture
- Labor markets



2018 Mayors Challenge

Fort Collins, CO

Making housing safer and more energy efficient for low-income renters

Los Angeles, CA

Tackling the homelessness crisis

Denver, CO

Improving air quality

Georgetown, TX

Becoming the first energy independent community in the country

Huntington, WV

Supporting first responders to improve care for opioid users

New Rochelle, NY

Improving new development projects through resident involvement

Philadelphia, PA

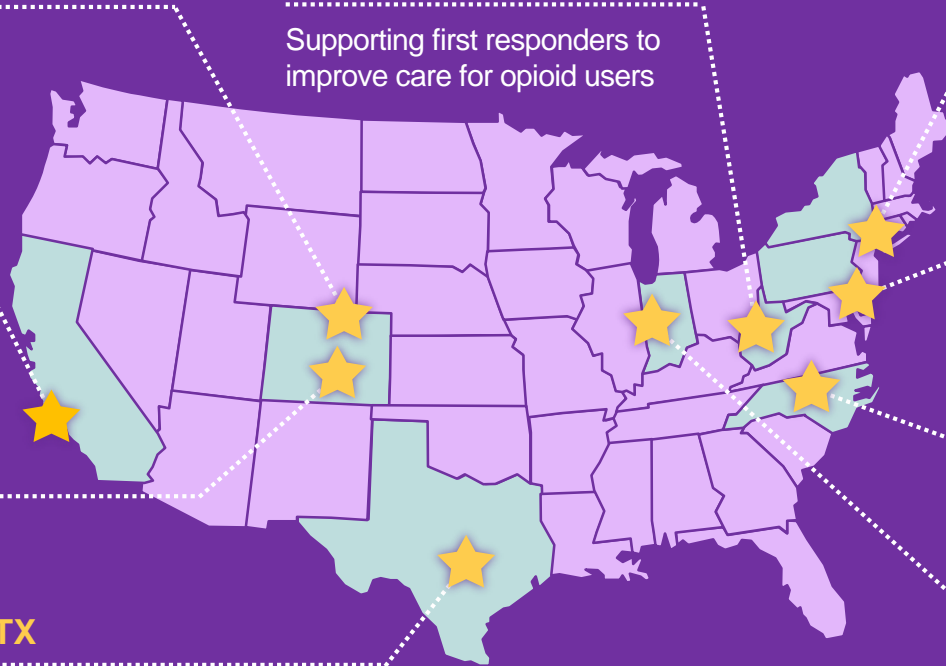
Making the justice system less traumatic for young people

Durham, NC

Incentivizing mass transit

South Bend, IN

Improving commuting options for low-income and part-time workers



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Making the justice system less traumatic for young people by creating new facilities specifically designed to address trauma and connect kids with resources rather than sending them to regular police stations.