

Innovation in the Works

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Alliance Tip

Monthly tip to get more out of your membership

Utilize Teams: While the Alliance works great as an individual tool, we encourage members to use it within a team environment. Once you pick the strategic challenge you'd like to tackle, identify the stakeholders around that challenge and create a team. If the challenge is an internal one, create a cross-departmental team; if it's external bring external partners together. In this environment, you can have discussions to adapt and adopt the ideas of other communities and build buy-in for your ideas.

Events

*Visit the on-line calendar at
<http://transformgov.org/en/calendar>
for details and registration instructions*

Opengov.org: Advanced Financial Reporting
FREE WEBINARS | December 4 at 1:00-2:00 EST;
December 11 at 4:00-5:00 EST.

OpenGov.com offers a web-based platform for state and local government financial data. With OpenGov, government officials and citizens can:

- Instantly access financial information from anywhere, any time
- Understand complex budget data – from multi-year trends to object-level details
- Analyze revenue and expenses
- Share and communicate financial information with citizens and staff

Partnering with Your Community on Code Enforcement

FREE WEBINAR | December 12 at 1:00-2:00 EST

Delivering code enforcement services to a community is a balance between maintaining a good relationship with your current residents and achieving your goals for safety, cleanliness, upkeep and the general image of the municipality. Recent issues, such as high foreclosure and unemployment rates, are often combined with the age-old issues of a lack of understanding (amongst citizens, business owners, property owners and residential tenants) of the community's codes and policies or how to achieve compliance quickly and inexpensively. Many citizens also experience a disconnect between the knowledge of rural codes versus urban codes. All of these factors create challenging tasks for code enforcement officers.

The suggestions covered in this webinar will not be a prescription of what community leaders should be doing now, but rather are meant to provide an overview of best practices adopted by other communities to deal with code enforcement challenges.

By participating in this webinar, you will learn about:

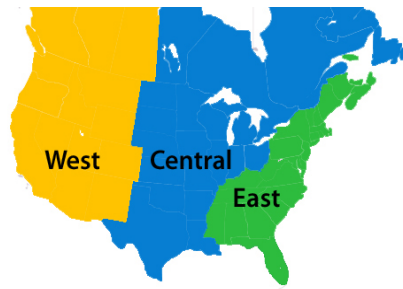
- Best practices being used by various communities Innovative programs that engage all stakeholders in the community
- Proactive approaches to the enforcement of the city's municipal codes
- Requirements to create a successful code enforcement program
- Inspection performance metrics and measurement target

Innovation Ambassador Program: *Alliance Ambassadors are the proponents of innovation within and throughout your organization and profession. We work diligently to provide Ambassadors with opportunities to grow their innovation skills through unique learning opportunities and specialized programming. There is no limit on how many ambassadors an organization can have.*

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