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Have big ideas but no idea how to pay for them? There's **money you may be missing**. North Carolina is **fighting crime and saving millions** doing it. See how tech is putting **wasted food to good use**. And don't miss what the **Marines can teach your city** about microgrids.

Now you're caught up,  
Jesse

**Need help paying for smart city projects? More resources you can use.** Smart cities offer a sustainable place to live and work. But if your city is like so many others it may not have the bucks to invest in the projects and technologies that make a city smart. Read our story to learn about financing models and sources (and a program that helps cities in developing countries improve their credit rating).

**How North Carolina caught more criminals (and saved \$12 million).** Americans are more worried about crime than they've been at any time since the September 11 terrorist attacks. See how North Carolina is fighting crime and saving millions of dollars at the same time.

**Novel approaches take on food waste (and hunger and GHGs too).** Malaysian teens call their mobile food surplus app Robin Food; in Brazil restaurant diners are encouraged to eat a little less but pay full price to help combat child hunger and malnutrition. Read about more novel efforts around the world to reduce food waste, hunger and greenhouse gases.

**Microgrids: a lesson for cities from the Marine Corps?** A Marine Corps recruit depot in South Carolina has contracted for a renewable energy-powered microgrid to maintain critical operations in the event of a power outage. Read on to learn why a similar solution could help protect your city's critical infrastructure.

**There's money to bring grid modernization projects to life.** The Energy Systems Integration Facility, part of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, is accepting applications to help fund high-impact projects that will measure, analyze, predict, protect and control the energy grid. The Department of Energy is offering up to \$250,000 matching funds per project. Applications are due January 27.

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