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Applications are now open for the **Smart Cities Council Readiness Challenge Grants**. Get the **inside scoop on how to win**. Is your city doing enough to **secure its technology**? 5 ways IoT can make your **customer service shine**.

Now you're caught up,
Jesse

Smart Cities Council Readiness Challenge Grants. The Smart Cities Council has introduced Readiness Challenge Grants to help five U.S. cities better use technology to become more innovative, inclusive and investment-ready. Winning cities will receive customized workshops along with supporting technology and services from Council Partners. Start your application today. Hurry: the deadline is December 31, 2016.

How to guarantee a win from the Smart Cities Council Readiness Challenge Grants. Applications are now open for the Smart Cities Council Readiness Challenge Grants. Get an inside tip on how to impress the judges and learn how everyone who enters comes out ahead.

Is your city doing enough to protect against cyberattacks? (Survey says probably not). Cities are buzzing with excitement about what they can accomplish with their smart city projects and the technologies that enable them. But by overlooking or failing to take action on security vulnerabilities, IT professionals warn the benefits from those technologies could be short-lived.

How cities around the world are enhancing urban lifestyles with the Internet of Things. Wondering how the Internet of Things can deliver valuable benefits in your neighborhoods and downtowns? Click for a new white paper produced by the Smart Cities Council and Microsoft; it's loaded with examples of IoT in action in cities around the world.

Bridging human services silos that impede progress on homelessness. So many public agencies, nonprofits and philanthropies are working to end homelessness – but often they're doing it in silos, with little or no coordination. Read about efforts to change that scenario, including a data-driven, three-county initiative in Washington State and a public-private collaboration in San Diego.

How a Denver solar-plus-storage project will benefit the city -- and the grid. Council Associate Partner Panasonic, energy storage company Yunicos and electric utility Xcel are working together on a solar-plus-storage system for a Panasonic operations hub. Read the story to learn how it will benefit a community development and the electric grid, too.

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