



Innovation Forum

Inaugural Civic Challenge

Department Specific Ideas

Thriving People and Communities

1. Free or low-cost high-speed internet in affordable housing properties across Bellevue. The city seeks innovative design partnerships that allow us to partner with affordable housing providers to deliver high-speed, free connectivity in affordable housing properties. The solution should be replicable across multiple properties, require limited construction, and where available, can leverage Bellevue Fiber.
2. Crowd-source community events that help shine a light on amazing things happening in our region across the eastside. From cultural events to civic celebrations, this community resource would pull from existing resources and offer a place for businesses and communities to promote their events and resources. This resource should be multilingual and accessible.

Safe and Efficient Transportation System

3. Show parking availability across Bellevue's business core. Collate existing parking availability into one, easy to navigate, and accessible place.
4. Bellevue has just launched a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, which provides dedicated resources to improve the experience of students traveling to school. A solution to the SRTS strategic priorities could help facilitate student-led initiatives, encourage civic participation and input from children, or implement a SRTS activity in a novel way.

Vibrant Economy

5. One application for visitors to “discover Bellevue,” with an emphasis on events, opportunities and actions around the world cup. While focused initially on supporting visitors during the world cup, this design partnership with City of Bellevue, Visit Bellevue and Discover Bellevue would also be a more evergreen approach to visiting Bellevue and can include things like recommended walking tours of public art. This idea has links and overlap to the second item as well.

Community Safety and Health

6. Help residents and businesses in the event of large emergency in the community. This low bandwidth application would include emergency information from the city, ways of getting help and supplies, wayfinding to the nearest gathering place, warming or cooling centers, active emergency shelters, and locations for the donation of goods or the distribution of supplies. This information should be accessible, multilingual, and available during times when internet connectivity may be a challenge.

High Quality Built & Natural Environment

7. Develop digital twin of high-density areas in Bellevue including downtown, spring district, Wilburton, and Bell Red. This can be used to improve urban planning and design, optimize services, improve resilience, and help the community visualize changes and opportunities.

More information: bellevuewa.gov/innovation