TVA INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

# **Connected Communities**



## TVA's Connected Communities

Advancements in technology and access to data have unlocked the ability for communities to prosper in innovative ways and contribute to a dynamic energy grid. The Connected Communities initiative provides strategic guidance, data-driven tools and practical resources to equip communities to navigate complex issues effectively.

The Connected Communities initiative can help prepare your community to make progress in these areas:



## Access our Toolkit Online

### Connected Communities Guidebook

Access the guidebook to help you identify strategies and tactics for your community.

#### **Community Information Hub**

Use interactive tools and resources

– like maps, searchable funding and
resource databases and an assessment
tool – to guide your community's goal
setting and planning.

#### **Implementation Guides**

Examine strategies for pursuing specific types of projects to get a better idea of potential solutions to your community's challenges.

#### **Other Resources**

Discover examples of other projects and concepts from across the nation, as well as technology solutions and other resources.

#### **Unlocking Opportunities for Communities to Prosper**

Through this work, TVA will help communities address challenges and build capacity in:



#### Vision. Governance and Community **Planning Efforts**

Policies, plans and partnerships that can aid in setting and achieving milestones.



#### Assets and Infrastructure

Systems and processes needed to make progress in areas like housing, smart meters and broadband.



#### **Funding and Resource Access**

Highlighting funds and developing other resources that support action and strategic progress.



#### Skilled and **Engaged Community**

An active network of skilled stakeholders and experts inform and drive action, supporting new business and locally sourced innovation.



#### **Learn About Connected Communities in Action**

Connected Communities makes progress achievable by combining structure, support and strategic collaboration. Through technology and data-driven Pilot Projects and yearlong Community Partnerships, the initiative provides added capacity and a clear process to help communities move from ideas to implementation in the areas of energy, resilience, workforce and broadband.



#### Connect with Us



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#### Leverage Support to Navigate Funding **Opportunities**

Looking to learn more about funding opportunities to support your Connected Communities project? Explore the funding database for a comprehensive look at available funding and support opportunities.

#### **Share Your Questions** and Experiences!

Do you have questions about how to use the tools in our toolkit? Has your community completed projects in the Connected Communities focus areas that others in the region would benefit from hearing about? Please connect with us!

#### Join the Connected **Communities Network**

Interested in accessing resources, connecting with similar organizations, learning about how to engage with the TVA Connected Communities initiative and more? Visit us online and subscribe to our mailing list today!