Virginia accelerator seeks startups and nonprofits with solutions to social challenges

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Herndon, VA-based Smart City Works is an infrastructure actuator and business accelerator focused on improving livability, operations and resilience in cities. Its fall cohort will for the first time include two slots for nonprofits focused on helping at-risk populations. It could be a great opportunity for the right nonprofits. ***– Philip Bane***

With its network of technical resources and cities, **Smart City Works** says it goes beyond traditional accelerators to more rapidly move the best technology solutions cities need into the hands of city managers and solution-providing companies. Its program, conducted in conjunction with the Center for Innovative Technology, is designed to equip companies with the skills, market awareness, and validated products to be highly competitive, growth oriented and investment ready.

It is currently looking for entrepreneurs, startups and companies with emerging products to apply for its fall 2017 Washington, D.C. metro cohort, to be held at the Center for Innovative Technology in Herndon, VA.

The program is open to startups globally whose founders want to bring their ideas and passions to participate in person in a unique acceleration process. In particular, Smart City Works is looking for innovative commercial solutions that address significant social and civic challenges -- safety,

security, livability and resilience -- in urban environments.

The two slots reserved for nonprofits are intended for qualifying organizations with disruptive, high-impact solutions to support those most in need -- the poor, the disabled, the homeless, those without access to the Internet, for example.

Final date for applications is Aug. 13, 2017 and the selection process will continue until the class is full. **Learn more about the program and application process**.

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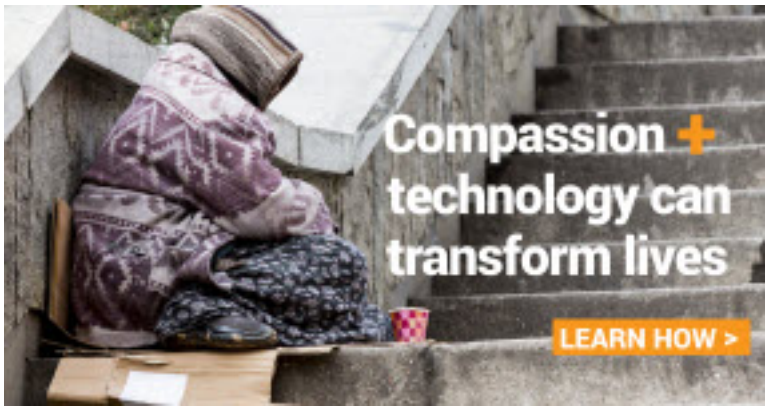

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