Fostering amplified innovation in local government through regional impact incubators.

Theory of Change

Your guiding theory to understand the vision and scope of your project.

By creating five regional impact incubators, we can address the lack of collaboration and co-creation between local governments around innovation and sustainability, which will lead to resource efficiency, shared regional knowledge and more impactful, cross-regional projects.

Logic Model

A detailed plan of your project and its impacts

Issue/Opportunity

- Local governments often share pain points and issues, but don't often share solutions at a regional level
- Local governments often waste resources by duplicating efforts, and recreating projects
- Local governments seldom come together to innovate or cocreate solutions to regional issues
- Local governments hold significant intellectual resources, research and expertise which is

Inputs

- Knowledge
- Research and evidence
- Technology
- Educational materials
- Infrastructure
- In-kind donations
- Venue/s
 - Financial contributions from local government partners

Activities

- Train staff
- Deliver program/services
- Liaise with partners and industry experts
- Employ program manager and support staff
- Develop program/services

Outputs

- 20-30 local governments engaged in the program
- 20 events planned across the year
- 5 regional community hackathon events staged
- 5 major shared projects planned
- 5000+ community members are involved in hackathon events

Outcomes

- Western Australia is a leader in new thinking and innovation
- Knowledge and capability are shared for the benefit of our community
- More people have a stronger sense of belonging in their community

Impacts

- Smart innovative WA society
- An inclusive thriving WA community

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Assumptions

- Local governments are interested in engaging in innovation at a regional scale
- Local governments are willing to share resources, and allocate time to the program
- Local governments understand their pain points and local areas of concern
- Local governments are capable of working together and reaching consensus

Risks

- Local governments don't have capacity / human resources to engage in the program
- Local governments don't have financial resources to contribute to the program
- Covid-19 or other external factor impacts on the ability to gather / host events
- Significant expertise is not available to manage the program

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Evaluation Planner

An outline of how the outcomes of your program can be measured.

Outcomes	Indicators	Tools	Timing	Team members
Western Australia is a leader in new thinking and innovation	 Community feels inspired to take action (motivation, confidence, hope) 	InterviewsFocus groupsSurveys	 Mid-way through project End of project As required 	 Manager Community Development Manager Economic Development Engagement Officer Sustainability Officer New Role: Manager of Innovation Services New Role: Innovation Support Officer
Knowledge and capability are shared for the benefit of our community	 Access to technology Digital inclusion People have the skills and knowledge to achieve greater financial independence 	Validated social impact measurement tool	 Start of project Mid-way through project End of project 	
More people have a stronger sense of belonging in their community	 Increased sense of belonging to community/ neighbourhood Increased volunteering 	 Focus groups Validated social impact measurement tool 	 Start of project Mid-way through project End of project 	