

Internal Cooperation
Communication within communities
Neighborhood capacity building
Technical assistance broker
Neighborhood Business District (NBD) favoritism - must even playing field
Empower communities through cooperation with successful NBDs and Community Councils (CC)
Development of CCs with "go-getters"/lobbyist at city level
Good headlines in media
Grassroots leadership academy
Create awareness of efforts in/out
Facebook for CCs
City provided websites for CCs
City should standardize to make sure all CCs have same info
Problem : decreased funding for CCs
Replication of best practices in successful CCs: leadership development
Understand failures and successes

External Cooperation
Setting a good example
Value as regional leader
"They want what we have"
"Leading w/ major projects + technologies
Leverage assets to facilitate cooperation
Waterworks, Metropolitan Sewer District, Regional Computer Center, etc. (utilities)
Asset monitoring for public oversight
Communications information provider - e-gov service bureau - interaction with all (Community Council, neighbors, etc.)
Lead by example/investment (i.e. Computer networks)
Cincinnati needs to make the investment/commitment
Open source communication network
Interact electronically government to government - transparency - easily accessible - enhance communications

With Whom Should we Cooperate
National initiatives relative to stimulus funds and beyond
Federal agencies specifically US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of Energy - look at federal examples of cross agency cooperation
Educational institutions - university level - Cincinnati Public Schools level
Workforce investment initiatives through labor
Health Department -> lead initiatives, etc.
City/county/suburbs - open communications - connections between planning efforts
Common ground with neighbors
Regional government/uni-gov
Kirwan Institute - Amos project - banks related
United Way
Faith-based communities
University of Cincinnati Schools (Business, planning, economics)
Xavier University Community Building Institute
State of Ohio
Urban League

Specific Data
Empowerment zone committees
Set asides - FBEMBF, SUDOB*

Information on related planning efforts
Sister cities plans to work with us
Other recent plans by neighboring jurisdictions

Other Thoughts
The City is the region
We have to have other local governments (city/county) represented if we are going to improve intergovernmental cooperation

Key area experts
Bring in I - open

* additional research needed regarding this entry