

## AT-A-GLANCE

# Your Guide to a More Connected Community

Based on a recent GovTech handbook, this guide provides insight into how governments can connect their communities through four focus areas.



## Building better communities through a foundation of connection

### Strengthen your IoT strategy

Developing strategies for deploying IT and technology devices is imperative for building connected communities.

### Prepare for the future of work

Governments must build on previous efforts to adapt to changes in the workforce in more sustainable ways.

### Bridge the digital divide

Focus on the big picture with universal access, affordability, and adoption.

### Secure it for all

Ensuring connected community initiatives are secure is an ongoing focus for government IT.

## Managing the Internet of Things (IoT) to connect communities

More than one-third of [CDG survey respondents](#) (35%) have begun using IoT devices, with most (20%) integrating them into other systems and applications.

Use the following strategies for deploying connected community IoT at scale:

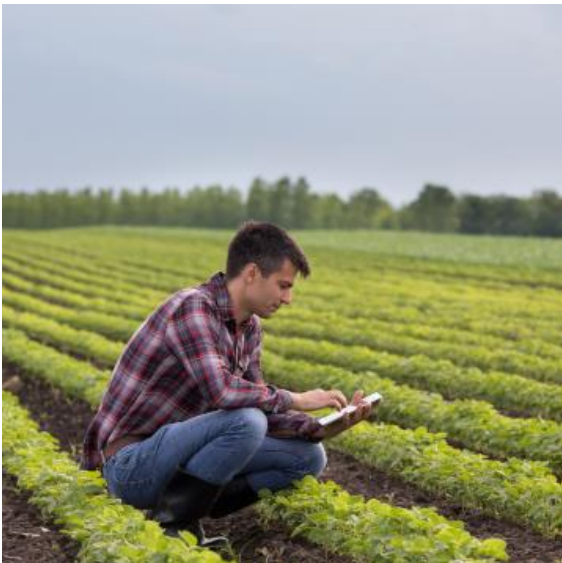
- Identify key use cases to help drive the selection of IoT devices
- Address bandwidth needs
- Simplify device management
- Focus on how you can use data



## Addressing the digital divide with service for all

The availability of high-speed internet access has become a necessity, not a luxury. Addressing digital divide issues will thus impact your constituents' lives more than ever before.

In fact, one-third (34%) of CDG survey respondents said their jurisdictions are currently working to address the digital divide—bolstered by unprecedented federal funding to address broadband gaps.



### Did you know?

The influx of federal stimulus funding allows the opportunity to not only scale up traditional IT infrastructure, but also infrastructure-related IoT systems to prepare for the future.

## Navigating today's changing workforce

The transition to remote work in March 2020 happened literally overnight, as IT departments cobbled together solutions that successfully allowed service continuity in the face of stay-at-home orders.

Now, with the transition to hybrid work models, the task for governments is to build on those early efforts in more sustainable ways.



## Securing your connection for safer experiences

Only 8% of CDG survey respondents reported no security challenges with their connected community initiatives.

The growing scope of governments' IT environments and the threats against them requires a broader shift in cybersecurity.



[Read the full handbook](#)