



## Competition Eligibility & Criteria

### Eligibility FAQ

#### ***Are charitable and/or community organizations eligible to apply?***

Yes, the lead applicants may be charitable or community organizations but they must include a senior-level government representative as part of the team.

#### ***How many people or organizations should be on our team?***

There is no minimum or maximum number of team members. However, priority will be given to teams with strong partnerships representing diverse interests and areas of expertise.

Teams representing multiple municipal departments are encouraged. Preference will also be given to teams led or supported by senior-level municipal staff (ie. heads of municipal departments, mayor's office staff, etc.).

#### ***What qualifies as a 'winter city?'***

For the purposes of the Wintermission project, a winter city is defined as any city or town that experiences winter climate conditions including cold weather and snowfall to an extent that it influences city building decisions and development.

#### ***Are there are requirements related to population size?***

No, we encourage applications from cities, towns, and communities of all shapes and sizes.

### Proposal Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by representatives from 880 Cities, the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, the Children and Nature Network, and our Network of Winter City Champions which include representatives from the City of Copenhagen, City of Edmonton, Town of Cochrane, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, and the Winter Cities Institute.

The following criteria will be considered:

#### **1. Potential for impact**

- To what extent do winter conditions affect public life and social isolation in the city?



- Who are most affected by the impacts of social isolation in winter? To what extent is the proposed team committed to reducing social isolation among children, newcomers, and other vulnerable communities?
- Are there existing projects and initiatives that can be leveraged to enhance impact of Wintermission?

## 2. Composition of your team

- Does the team lead have the capacity to guide the Wintermission project through each phase?
- Does the project team represent diverse voices and perspectives, and possess relevant expertise?
- Is there at least one representative of the municipal government on the project team?

## 3. Ambition

- How well does the Vanguard team's vision align with the goals of the Wintermission project?
- Does the Vanguard team describe clear goals for their city with a focus of improving public life and reducing social isolation in winter?