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What

Sponsored by Frontier Communications and DISH Network, the **America's Best Communities Prize (ABC)** is a campaign that dedicates over **\$10 million** in cash and other rewards to support and inspire the kinds of creativity and innovation that transform communities and result in long term growth. With a grand prize of **\$3 million**, the competition taps into the competitive spirit of towns and cities across Frontier's 27 state footprint by challenging communities to dream big and improve lives.

Where

Cities and towns within the Frontier Communications service territory with **populations between 9,500 and 80,000** are eligible to apply. Where population is less than 9,500, organizations may partner with their counterparts in a contiguous city, to add up to a population that is greater than 9,500 and less than 80,000. Applicants must cite official census data to confirm that their communities meet the population requirements.

Who

Cross-sector teams consisting of **local business people, change agents and/or local government** are eligible to compete for the ABC Prize. The lead team member must have non-profit status. Between three to five local businesses that will directly benefit from the public-private partnership must be identified. A letter of support from the city's mayor or highest executive is also required.

When

The deadline for application submission is **January 12, 2015**. Go to americasbestcommunities.com or see reverse side for the full timeline.

Why

The ABC Prize is all about encouraging collaboration and cooperation among individuals and organizations that share the same goal: to increase economic development and create positive change within their communities.

As many as **50 quarter-finalists** will receive:

- **\$35,000** with a \$15,000 matching fund obligation, to define and develop their visions
- Up to **15 semi-finalists** will receive all-expense paid trip to attend the ABC Summit where finalists will be announced
- Up to **eight finalists** will receive:
- **\$100,000** to bring their plans to life and share their stories along the way



- **Three grand prize winners** will be named America's Best Communities:
 - First Place will receive **\$3 million**
 - Second Place will receive **\$2 million**
 - Third Place will receive **\$1 million**

How

Cross-sector teams can register at americasbestcommunities.com and begin completing the application. Once submitted successfully, applicants will receive an email confirming submission.

There are three rounds to ultimately decide the three winners of the ABC Prize. Each round consists of varying criteria. Details on the judging criteria can be found on the ABC website noted above.

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