Hack Oregon opportunity for projects

What is it about?

Hack Oregon is a rapid prototyping lab in Portland Oregon, taking a creative approach to data projects that bring insight to complex issues in the public interest.

Local organizations can submit challenges for consideration. Hack Oregon will select projects and make a call for volunteers to work on those projects. Some special considerations will be taken for projects that support COVID-19 response or recovery efforts.

What kind of needs can be considered?

Hack Oregon is opening the range of formats for challenges. Some examples of challenges for projects are business intelligence, visualizations, data management, data aggregation, responsible data sharing.

Hack Oregon encourages submissions that consider not only what is needed now, but what will be needed – in the context of unprecedented policy and investment decisions, stress on social services, and other long-term potential ramifications.

Hack Oregon has different sprints modes: immediately urgent, six weeks, three months, six months, nine months or more.

We recommend to think about the lifecycle of your project and whether or not this challenge is something that you may need as part of the city operations or just to bring business intelligence or public transparency to your work.

In case your challenge is something you need to use as part of your City duties, we encourage you to reach out to our smart city PDX team for advice in terms of compliance to data, information and privacy compliance.

Projects that rely on information are usually based on Open Data. Otherwise, you may need a data sharing agreement and an internal process in the city to assess information risks.

In which way can volunteers support your need?

Hack Oregon teams are formed with volunteers and formed based on the specific challenge and interest of those contributors. Hack Oregon contributors come from diverse expertise and backgrounds. Sprints are managed and targeted to deliverables.

You can find some past projects in their Civic Platform site: https://civicplatform.org/cards

How can I specify a project need?

Submitting a project idea starts with a challenge statement, but that's only the first step. We'll have multi-disciplinary experts on hand to workshop, scope, validate, and consider tactical approaches for testing assumptions and eventually – forming a build plan.

Deadlines for challenge submissions: Friday April 24th

Our Smart City PXD/Open Data can support your submission and help you manage that project. Please contact us at hector.dominguez@portlandoregon.gov

links

Hack Oregon page: http://www.hackoregon.org/about-us
Hack Oregon call for projects:
https://mailchi.mp/hackoregon/hack-oregon-launches-special-sprint-in-response-to-extraordinary-times-4006989
Hack Oregon submission form: http://www.hackoregon.org/2020-special-season-projects

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