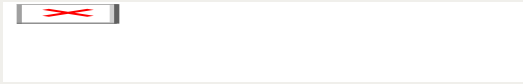


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ACTION INSIGHTS

How does your city prioritize projects?

Since workloads often exceed and outpace government resources, prioritizing work strategically is a critical capability. If your city has multiple abandoned properties for example, how do you choose which buildings to demolish first? A study supported by the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative shows how cities can leverage multiple datasets to allocate limited resources effectively and promote safer environments for their residents.

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City leaders face the challenge of diagnosing complex problems with limited information and responding with limited resources. Learning where and how interventions are most impactful can make city halls more effective, efficient, and equitable across the board.



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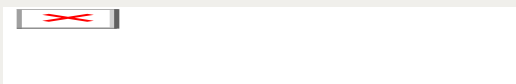
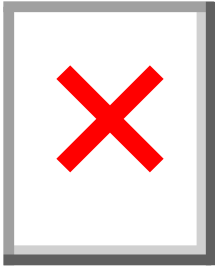
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The Initiative advances research and develops new curriculum and teaching tools to help city leaders solve real-world problems. By engaging Harvard graduate students in research and field work, the Initiative supports current city leaders while investing in future generations. The Initiative also advances the field of city leadership through teaching, research, and new curricular materials that help city leaders drive government performance and address pressing social problems.

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