The Community Innovation Process

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation honors and supports innovative organizations with a track record of making great ideas happen.

Community Innovation Grants support communities to use problem-solving processes that lead to more effective, equitable and sustainable solutions.

Community Processes

- Inclusive: meaningfully engaging key stakeholders — thoughtfully identifying those needed to create the intended change and, whenever possible, including those directly affected by the problem.
- Collaborative: a true joint effort, with partners willing to share ownership and decision-making as they pursue an innovation together.
- Resourceful: using existing resources and assets creatively to make the most of what a community already has.

Community Innovation:

A breakthrough in addressing a community need that is more effective, equitable or sustainable than existing approaches.

This is not a linear process. You could skip steps or move ‘backwards’ or have to repeat the process several times, before ultimately achieving an innovation.

A culture of innovation (doing the process repeatedly)