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# Smart Cincy Community Day, Founder Frontier Forum to Keep Smart Cities in Spotlight >>

## Smart Cincy Fellowship to be awarded for upcoming Founder institute Cincinnati semester

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CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 17, 2017 — The day after the Smart City Summit officially launches the first Regional Smart Cities Initiative, the conversation will continue with events in both Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

The Northern Kentucky Innovation Network's home along Covington's Innovation Alley will host the Smart Cincy Community Day, sponsored by Founder Institute Cincinnati, on Wednesday, April 26, which will pick up where the Smart Cincy Summit left off the evening before.

Later on Wednesday, Founder Institute will host Venture Smarter CEO Zack Huhn and smartLINK founder and CTO Jon Salisbury for the Founder Frontier Forum focused on smart cities and agile solutions.

"We are committed to moving the smart cities conversation forward in our region," said Michael Hiles, managing director of Founder Institute Cincinnati. "This is a rapidly advancing space and we want to provide aspiring startup founders the chance to explore these opportunities. That's why we've created the **Smart Cincy Fellowship** for an outstanding entrepreneur to join the upcoming Founder Institute accelerator program with the support of Venture Smarter and FI.co."

The Smart Cincy Community Day will feature a full day of panel discussions, roundtables, and breakout sessions focusing on the smart planning pillars, highlighted by a keynote address by Manu Bhardwaj, vice president for research and insights with the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth.

The Community Day will continue Bhardwaj's role in the smart cities conversation, as he will be traveling directly to Innovation Alley from the IEEE Internet Inclusion: Advancing Solutions conference in Washington, D.C., the same conference Huhn will speak at on Monday, April 24.

"The Smart Cincy Summit will start the conversation on how we can make Greater Cincinnati the first Smart Region, but that conversation won't end with the Summit," Huhn said, "and it won't end here. Aligning the interests of our region around smart cities solutions will and must be an ongoing discussion."



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April 25, 2017 @ Union Hall  
1311 Vine Street, Cincinnati

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