Democratizing Data & Decision Making in Local Government

Research Context
Agencies in local governments increasingly use data and emerging technologies to target services where they will make the greatest impact <u>and</u> evaluate the outcomes of investments.

Research Goals
1. Learn how agencies are using data and decision-making tools to improve their community while respecting individual privacy, data sovereignty and navigating the changing political landscape across the United States.
2. Determine the level of community participation and shared decision-making power.

1 **Locate** successful programs & initiatives across the US.

2 **Analysis** of program and policy language to identify common and varying themes and values.

3 **Interview** stakeholders about programming decisions, community engagement, and results.

4 **Case Study** of an innovative program with community.

5 **Action Research** with agency at my employer, King County (Seattle).

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