

100 Resilient Cities: Rockefeller's City-to-City Resilience Network — and Its Abrupt Wind-Down

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities placed Chief Resilience Officers in 80+ cities from 2013–2019, then closed the programme after six years when funding priorities shifted — a documented cautionary case for donor-dependent city networks.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

[The Rockefeller Foundation / 100 Resilient Cities](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

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