



# CivTech St. Louis

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# A FRACTURED COMMUNITY



- 90 municipal governments → 1 county  
populations range from 335 to 50,000.
- 81 courts governed by local ordinance and lax state laws, very little circuit oversight.
- Data not publicly available.
- No uniform database
- Recent improvements:  
Supreme Court  
Minimum Standards for  
municipal courts  
Automation Committee  
Grant-funded pilot  
consolidation of courts  
4 → 1  
7 → 1



# THE IMPORTANCE OF FERGUSON



FORWARD through  
FERGUSON

THE FERGUSON COMMISSION

REPORT STORIES IMPLEMENTATION

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SHARE THE CHANGE  
#FwdThruFerguson



GET EMAIL UPDATES »

Once you get into that cycle, it's really, really hard to get out of it because there are a lot of fees. You can try to get a lawyer. Or you can post bond. If you get pulled over and you can't post bond, you just do time served.

Dawn

Escaping the Cycle



# Stakeholder Outreach

## Public

- Surveys outside court
- Student focus group training
- User testing
- St. Louis County Library
- Print materials
- Police officer training

## Coding Community

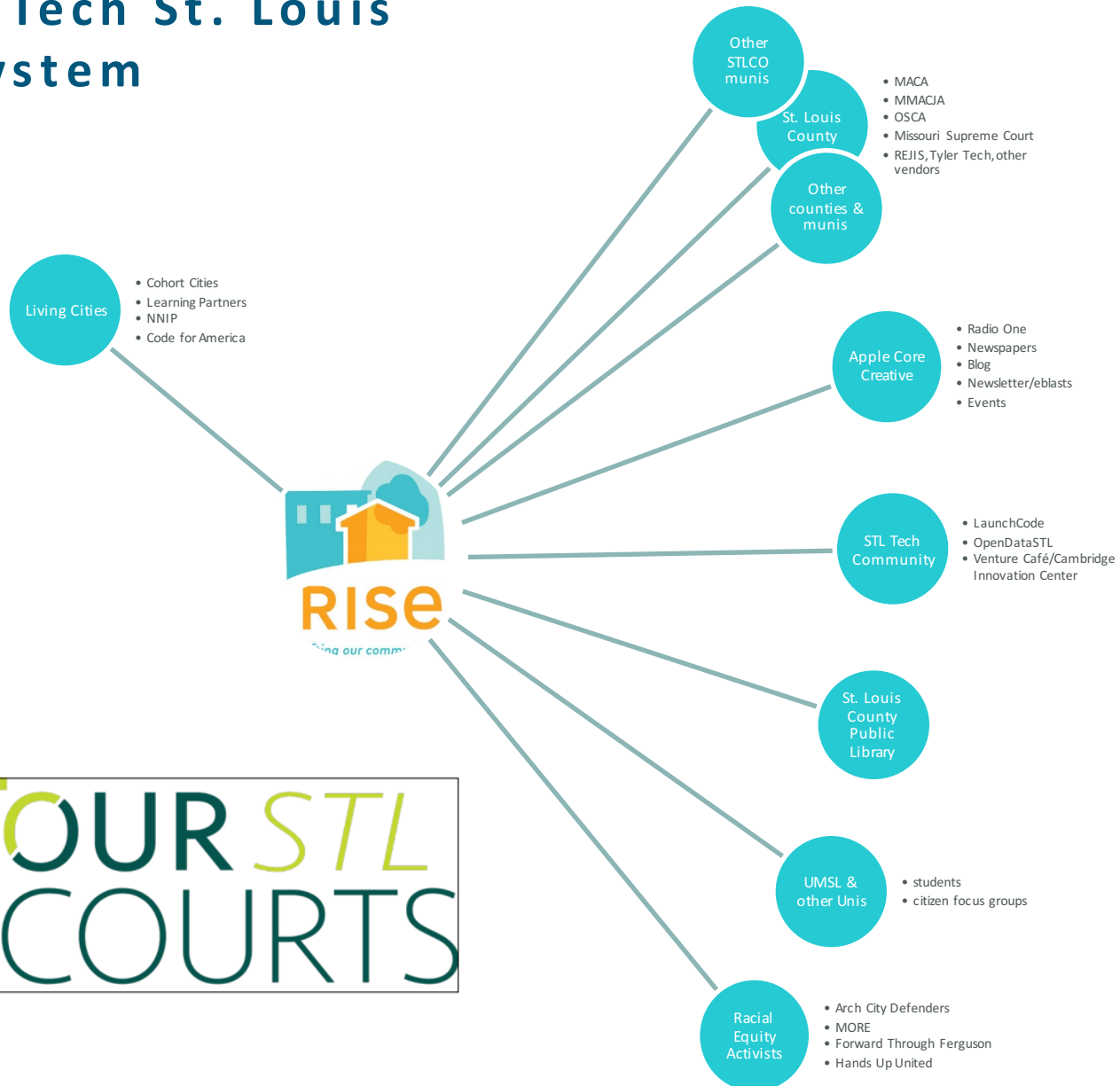
- GlobalHack V
- Hands Up United Tech Institute
- LaunchCode
- OpenDataSTL

## Judges and Clerks

- Monthly newsletters/email blast (MailChimp)
- Monthly steering committee meetings to gather input on outstanding questions and make decisions
- Presentations at courts and monthly task force meetings
- Distribution of marketing materials
- Labor Day BBQ
- E-survey



# Civic Tech St. Louis Ecosystem





# Civic Tech STL Website



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Welcome

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CivTech St. Louis is a civic tech and data collaborative to innovate and open up data to solve social and civic challenges, starting in the St. Louis region. The initiative involves both high- and low-tech solutions to problems that citizens face everyday, making sure that access for all is built in from the beginning. While there are many aspects to this effort, we're starting first by focusing on bringing transparency and an improved experience to the municipal courts system of St. Louis County.

CivTech St. Louis is a group of organizations and individuals that is dedicated to growing the civic technology ecosystem of St. Louis. CivTech St. Louis is made possible by the support of the [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#), [Living Cities](#), [Code for America](#), and the [National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership](#) and local partners [Rise Community Development](#), [Open Data STL](#), and [St. Louis County](#).

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## OUR MISSION

CivTech St. Louis aims to empower citizens with tools and data that lead to more effective government, a more engaged community, and a more equitable society.

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# Your STL Courts Online Tool (Beta)

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Everything you need in one place.

Find your Court

## Help

Whether it's court information, assistance with your case, questions related to reinstating a drivers license, or signing up for and carrying out community service to pay for your fines and fees, we can help! Search for your ticket and browse this website to learn more. If your ticket information cannot be found here, it may be that the municipality that issued the ticket is not yet participating in YourSTLCourts and you must speak directly with that court.

[Get help](#)

## Tickets

Do you have a ticket but can't remember how much you owe, when your court date is, or whether you can pay it online? Are you trying to take care of a lost ticket or forgotten warrant? Do you need to find out who to talk to about your ticket without fear of arrest? If so, you are in the right place! YourSTLCourts can help you resolve your ticket or warrant or connect you to someone who can help.

[Find your tickets](#)

## About

YourSTLCourts, a MacArthur Foundation-funded project, seeks to provide a unified, user-friendly municipal court case and information lookup for the St. Louis region's many courts. The fact that we have so many political jurisdictions means that it can be confusing, difficult, and expensive to figure out how to take care of business. Many municipalities recognize this and have been partners in putting this system together. If the municipality you are trying to work with isn't here, let them know that you'd like them to participate!

[Learn more](#)



# CHALLENGES & SUCCESSES



## NEXT STEPS





# THANK YOU!

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