



CivicLex



What is CivicLex?

We're a nonprofit working to improve the civic health of Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky.

We help residents understand local government, help local government connect with residents, and are building a community in which everyone can meaningfully participate in the decisions that shape where they live.

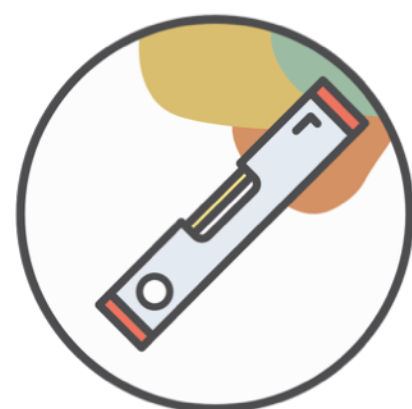
History

- Started in 2017 with a focus on civic education.
- Information alone was not leading to positive outcomes.
- Incorporated civic transformation projects starting in 2019





The CivicLex Toolbox



**Civic
Education**



**Participatory
Governance**



**Public Space
& Gathering**



**Local News &
Reporting**



**Relationship &
Bridge Building**



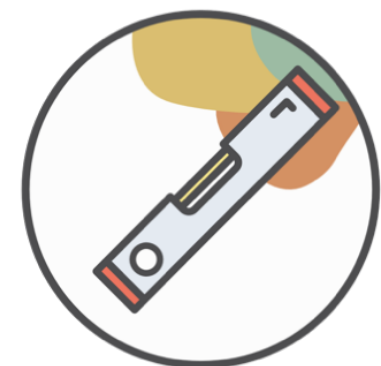
**Civic Tech
& Data**

LFUCG's Annual Budget



Local News & Reporting

- Attending Budget Meetings
- Publishing summaries and updates in **Newsletter**
- Coverage starts in January – not June!



Civic Education

- Publishing an in-depth, approachable **Budget Guide**
- **Issue Hub** weaves together week-to-week coverage

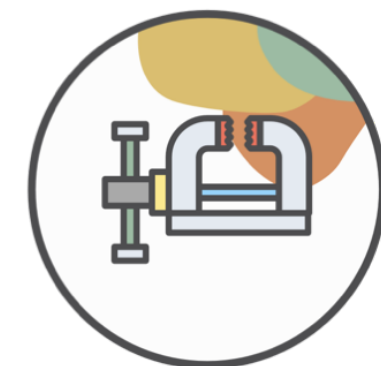


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Civic Tech & Data

- Searchable **Budget Database** online
- **Social media and newsletter** content crunching numbers



Relationship & Bridge Building

- **Budget Workshops** that bring staff, elected officials, and residents together
- Finding common ground across identity and ideology

Other Programs



On the Table



- Public Space & Gathering
- Civic Tech & Data
- Civic Education
- Participatory Governance
- Local News & Reporting

Parks Equity Accelerator



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CAIR



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Redistricting

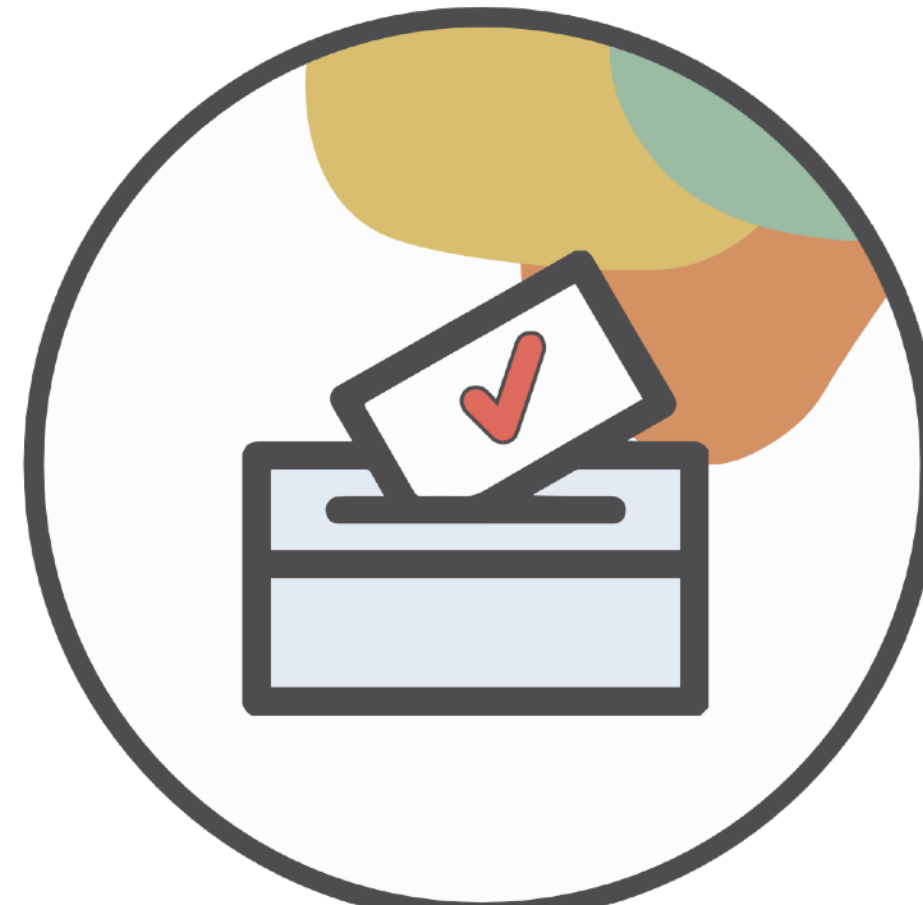


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How does this work somewhere else?



Pick a Tool



Pick a topic

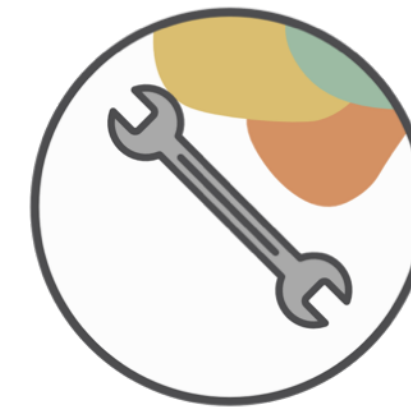


Something Else

What does your community already have?



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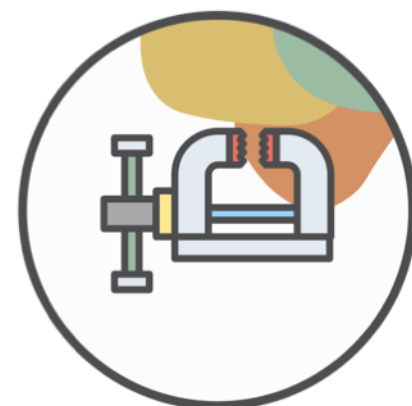
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Considerations

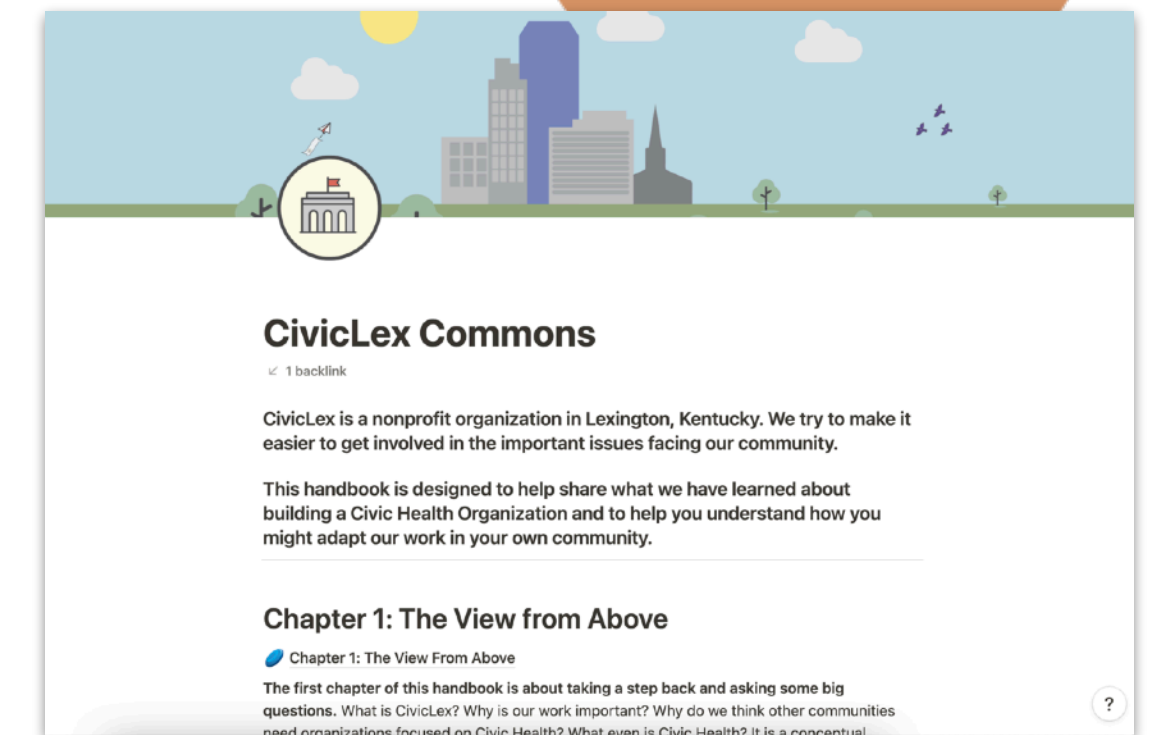
- What are the needs and assets of your community?
- How do you want to structure the organization?
- Who do you need to bring in to the process?
- What are your ultimate goals?
- What tools do you want to use?
- What will the nature of your relationship with your local government be?

What resources can CivicLex provide?

- Field Scan
- Guidebook
- Technical Assistance
- Piece-by-Piece Resources



Field Scan



Guidebook



Technical Assistance



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