

San Antonio Launches CivTechSA, a Variation of STiR with an Emphasis on Students

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San Antonio is launching [CivTechSA](#), a program that at its core seeks to facilitate collaborations between tech startups and public agencies, introducing entrepreneurs to government work while at the same time forging tech-based solutions to problems the city faces.

Jose De La Cruz, San Antonio's chief innovation officer, said tech could help solve a wide spectrum of the city's challenges. The Animal Care Services Department, for example, would benefit greatly from a resident notification system to collect info on the types of pets that people are looking for — age, breed, temperament — and automatically notify them when one is available, thereby better serving citizens while also improving adoption rates for stray animals.

“We see the future of the program as an opportunity to grow and nurture the tech talent in our city, and to encourage members of our community to become involved in helping to solve civic challenges,” De La Cruz said. “The sky is really the limit for us right now, and this partnership is the first step to bridging the gap between our tech community and local government.”

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