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### Investigation Activity – Local Taxes

Amounts of revenue and expenditures are planned and organized each year as part of balancing a budget for a town or city.

**Step 1:** Investigate what taxpayer dollars support in your town or local municipality. List what the Top 5 categories are for the money that is spent:



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2:** Investigate other parts of the budget. What are three categories that you feel should receive more money than they do?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 3:** Think about what would you do differently? Would you use the same amount of spending for the categories? What would you change? Write your thoughts below.

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