

Local Government Services

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will research and map the local government services available in their community and how residents access them.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- paper
- colored pencils
- device with internet access or a local government pamphlet/website (optional)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Research (online, by phone, or using a mailed pamphlet) at least 5 services your local government provides (trash collection, libraries, parks, schools, fire/police, road maintenance).
2. Create a simple chart with 3 columns: Service, How It's Funded (taxes, fees), and How to Access/Contact It.
3. Fill in your chart with accurate information for all 5 services researched.
4. Draw a small local map or diagram showing at least 3 of these service locations near your home (e.g., the library, a fire station, a park).
5. Circle the one service on your chart that you or your family uses most often.

QUESTIONS

1. List 3 local government services you researched and how each is typically funded.
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2. How would a resident contact or access one of the services you researched?
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3. Which service does your family use most often, and why is it important to your daily life?
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- 4. Why do local governments rely on tax dollars to fund services like libraries, parks, and road maintenance instead of charging users directly for everything?**
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