

Handout Two: Infrastructure Spending Role Play

Directions: Read the following scenario and complete the questions as a group.

Scenario:

You are on the Municipal Budgetary Committee and must determine the most effective way to allocate your \$50 million dollar annual budget. Discuss how much money to spend in each of the following categories, and be prepared to defend your choice! How might cutting spending in one area affect the success of another program area? Consider the particular needs in your community as you complete this exercise.

Budget Categories:

Administrative (Government Salaries) –

City Maintenance (Landscaping, Tree Trimming) –

Community Services (Parks & Recreation, Library) –

Development Services (City Planning, Building Inspection) –

Health and Social Services –

Public Safety (Fire & Police) -

Public Works (Water & Sewer Systems) –

Schools (K-12 & Universities) -

Transportation (Roads & Bridges) -