

BUDGET FORUM FOR YOUTH EXERCISE

Directions: Listed below are areas the city might consider spending its money on. During this exercise, you are a council member and must decide how to spend the city's budget. Please rank the items listed below in order of importance. Start by using "1" as the item you think is most important, then "2" as the second most important item, and so on. For the items listed below, you only have a total of \$1,000, which means you cannot fund everything.

| Rank | Department Cost | Item | Number of Employees | |
|------|--------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------|
| | Parks and Recreation | Increase the number of youth who can participate in a program that requires community service for youth who have committed a misdemeanor (shoplifting, curfew violation, etc.) for the first time. | 1 | \$44 |
| | Arts Program | Give money to schools and the community for art projects like murals. | 0 | \$50 |
| | Fire Department | Fund the injury prevention program in schools, which teaches elementary and junior high students how to prevent injuries. | 13 | \$450 |
| | Human Services | Provide counseling to approximately 200 youth under the age of 12 who commit a crime for the first time. | 5 | \$201 |
| | Library | Hire staff to open the Burton Barr Central Library's Music Room. | 6 | \$89 |
| | Library | Hire librarians to staff the children's section at several of the branch libraries. | 4 | \$79 |
| | Police | Hire additional School Resource Officers – Police officers who are assigned to a school campus for safety | 11 | \$425 |
| | Police | Expand the DUI (drunk driving) enforcement squad | 0 | \$35 |
| | Police | Expand drug squads. | 0 | \$38 |
| | Public Works | Buy three electric powered vehicles | 0 | \$137 |
| | Street Transportation | Expand the downtown litter control and clean-up. | 2 | \$27 |
| | | | Total | \$1575 |