

OpenCities Budget Worksheet

Read this scenario

You have just been elected to the city council for the city of Openville. Your city has some problems and you need to encourage more migration to your city from other countries to help boost the workforce and regenerate the population.

You have a budget of 40 Million EUR to help you do this and you have some projects underway to help with the situation. Together decide what percentage of the budget you will spend on each of these projects to help make your city more attractive to migrants.

Now work with your group to decide how you will divide the budget.

Deprivation and inequality

There is quite a wide gap between rich and poor in your city. You need to establish some projects to reduce the percentage of people in your city living below the poverty line.

Budget:

Carbon Footprint

Your city isn't very ecologically or environmentally friendly. There is quite a lot of pollution. A lot of this is caused by some very old large factories on the edge of the city. You could finance the renovation of these factories, but it would be expensive.

Budget:

Infrastructure and Housing Investment

There is a shortage of good quality affordable housing. Some of the central areas of the city occupied by old, poor quality housing. You could fund the reconstruction of this area and the building of new apartments.

Budget:

Marketing

Recent problems in your city have damaged its international reputation. You need to work to reassure people that it is a good place to come and live and make sure people know about the good aspects of the city. This requires some investment in marketing.

Budget:

Cultural events

Many of the music and sporting venues in your city have suffered from lack of investment over the past ten years. Investing in supporting the development of new venues and cultural events would boost tourism, bring in extra money and improve the image of the city and make it more attractive.

Budget:

Congestion and mobility

There are huge problems with traffic congestion in the inner city and public transport is very poor. A project has been started to build better public transport, but it will need more money to be successful.

Budget:

Education and qualifications

Generally the majority of the work force in your city is very well qualified. To improve the level of qualifications, you need to improve the standards of education. This means investing more money in education to improve teaching standards and resources.

Budget:

Language and cultural integration

There is a small program in place to encourage, aid and support people from other countries to help them find work and adapt to and understand the culture of your city. This needs to be enlarged and needs more investment to ensure that migrants coming to work in your city adapt and integrate into the society.

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