Property tax relief
Mansfield offers some property tax abatement programs. Taxpayers who may be eligible for property tax relief include veterans, seniors, disabled persons and farm owners. Information about tax abatement programs in Mansfield, including eligibility requirements can be obtained by contacting our Assessor’s Office at 860-429-3311, our Human Services Department at 860-429-3315 or on the web at www.mansfieldct.gov.
Budget Basics

Where Does the Money Come From?

FY ’13 General Fund Revenues

- Inter-governmental 39%
- Taxes 59%
- Other 2%

Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?

On an Average Tax Bill of $4,592

- Education $3,067
- Town-wide, Capital Contribution, Debt Service $525
- Public Safety Operations $311
- Government Operations (inc. energy & bldg. maint.) $252
- Community Services & Development Operations $224
- Public Works Operations $213

$4,592

Major Changes in Revenues and Expenditures for FY 2012-2013

Revenue Changes
- $300,240 gain in non-tax revenues.
- $201,562 in new revenue from grand list growth; grand list increases by 0.76%.

Expenditure Cost Drivers
- $214,000 contribution budgeted for fund balance, bringing the total General Fund balance to $2,568,157; bond rating agencies now recommend fund balance to be at 10-15% of the General Fund budget.
- $538,210 increase to the Capital Fund for infrastructure and equipment improvements and maintenance, bringing the total General Fund contribution to capital to $1,014,210 and working towards a “pay as you go” model for basic capital needs.
- $257,090 has been budgeted for salary increases and wage negotiations with the Town’s workforce and another $262,170 for Mansfield Board of Education staff.

Service Improvements
- Funding to add an additional trooper effective July 1, 2012, bringing the total number of troopers assigned to Mansfield to ten (nine troopers and one sergeant). The Police Services Study, Alternative Two, was endorsed by Council in Spring 2012. Alternative Two recommends adding four troopers over a three year period, beginning with FY 2012/2013.
- Miscellaneous expenditures have been budgeted to support the Storrs Center project as various components of the project come “online.” The costs are being paid for with revenue generated from the Storrs Center project.

Town of Mansfield Annual Town Meeting
for Budget Consideration
Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 7:00pm
Mansfield Middle School Auditorium

- Please arrive early to check in.
- Please bring a form of identification to verify your eligibility to vote.
- Services Offered:
  - Childcare for children ages 3-12. Interested persons must call 860-429-3315 by noon, Friday, May 4th to pre-register.
  - Transportation to the meeting for elderly and disabled electors. Interested persons must call 860-429-3315 by noon, Friday, May 4th to pre-register.
  - A sign language interpreter will be available.

A hospitality event will be hosted by the League of Women Voters at 6:00 PM in the Middle School cafeteria.

You are encouraged to participate at the Town Meeting! Voters in Mansfield can comment on the budget and make a motion to raise or lower a program in the budget. Come make your voice heard and vote on your Town Budget.

The Town Council’s proposed budget can be found at www.mansfieldct.gov, the Mansfield Town Clerk’s Office, the Mansfield Public Library, the Mansfield Community Center and the Mansfield Senior Center.

Who may vote at the Town Meeting?
Any person who is registered to vote and any citizen of the United States over the age of 18 who owns property (motor vehicle or land) in Mansfield valued at $1,000 or more. Citizens may register to vote by contacting the Registrars of Voters, Andrea Epling and Bev Miela at 860-429-3368.

How do I vote on the budget at Town Meeting?
Electors have the ability to vote to accept, increase or decrease program expenditures. General Fund programs are defined as cost centers within functions of government, such as Mansfield Board of Education, Town Clerk, Road Services, Senior Services etc. Capital Fund programs are defined by the major functions of government: General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Community Development, Facilities Management and Community Services. Capital & Nonrecurring Fund programs are defined by the recipient of the fund transfer, such as the debt service fund and property revaluation fund. Mansfield utilizes program based budgeting so programs are clearly presented in the materials for Town Meeting.