

Subprogram: 8300 Town Committees**Program: General Government
Town of Lexington FY 2004 Program Budget**

The Town Committee subprogram includes the Appropriations Committee, Miscellaneous Boards and Committees, and Public Celebrations Committee elements.

Elements within Subprogram 8300	FY2002 Expended	FY2003 Appropriated	FY 2004 Dept Request	FY 2004 Recommended	FY 2004 Appropriated
8310 Appropriations Committee	\$951	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
8320 Misc. Boards and Committees	\$8,838	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755
8330 Public Celebrations Committee	\$24,910	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Program Totals					
Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses	34,699	34,755	34,755	34,755	34,755
Town Funded Expenses	\$34,699	\$34,755	\$34,755	\$34,755	\$34,755
General Fund	\$34,755	\$34,755	\$34,755	\$34,755	\$34,755
Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Directed Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Appropriated Resources	\$34,755	\$34,755	\$34,755	\$34,755	\$34,755

Element: 8310 Appropriations Committee

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

The Appropriations Committee is a nine-member board appointed by the Town Moderator. Members are appointed to three-year overlapping terms.

The Committee's charge is to evaluate fiscal policies and priorities set by the Board of Selectmen for Town Meeting. The Committee advises Town Meeting members on financial proposals, analyzes operating budget proposals, makes fiscal projections, and reviews funding for proposed capital improvements. In addition, the Committee's approval is required to use reserve funds for unanticipated operating costs (see element 2310, "Reserve Fund," for details).

In addition to its statutory responsibilities, the Committee has been involved in promoting a clear and accurate presentation of financial information to members of Town Meeting. The committee also encourages the timely distribution of financial information to Town Meeting members and other decision makers. They are responsible for maintaining relationships with regional and statewide organizations devoted to exploring solutions to municipal finance and budgeting problems.

This budget request funds the production of both the Appropriation Committee and Capital Expenditure Committee reports to Town Meeting and attendance at an annual finance committee conference.

HIGHLIGHTS:

None

BUDGET ISSUES:

None

STAFFING:

The Comptroller is an Ex Officio (non-voting) member of the Committee.

Element Totals	FY2002 Expended	FY2003 Appropriated	FY 2004 Dept Request	FY 2004 Recommended	FY 2004 Appropriated
Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses	951	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Town Funded Expenses	\$951	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
General Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Directed Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Appropriated Resources	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

Element: 8320 Misc. Boards and Committees**Subprogram: Town Committees
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The Miscellaneous Boards and Committees program funds expenses of boards and committees not individually supported through departmental operating budgets. Among the committees receiving funding are the Arts Council, Youth Commission, Human Services Committee, No Place for Hate Steering Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee, Historical Commission, and 2020 Vision.

This program provides funding for committee reports, town newsletter and youth awards.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Funding to print and mail Tree and Noise By-laws to all residents
- Funds for printing Historical Commission manual
- Printing and copier supplies for Town Meeting materials
- Funding for various committees' legal notices
- Funding for Study Circle Project materials and supplies

BUDGET ISSUES:

None

STAFFING:

Staff support for this element is provided by the Town Manager's Office.

Element Totals	FY2002 Expended	FY2003 Appropriated	FY 2004 Dept Request	FY 2004 Recommended	FY 2004 Appropriated
Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses	8,838	8,755	8,755	8,755	8,755
Town Funded Expenses	\$8,838	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755
General Fund	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755
Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Directed Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Appropriated Resources	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755	\$8,755

Element: 8330 Public Celebrations Committee**Subprogram: Town Committees
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The Town holds public celebrations for Patriots' Day, Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. There are two parades held on Patriots' Day, one on Veterans' Day, and one on Memorial Day. The Public Celebrations Committee, a volunteer body of ten members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, plans these celebrations. A four-member subcommittee also assists in the planning of Town celebrations.

The Public Celebrations Committee oversees a reenactment of the Battle of Lexington on the Lexington Battle Green on Patriots' Day. The reenactment attracts well over 12,000 spectators each year and is nationally recognized for its historical authenticity.

The Celebrations Committee also directs and coordinates numerous other Patriots' Day activities, including a Youth of Lexington Sunrise Parade from East Lexington to the Battle Green, a five-mile run sponsored by the Lions Club, the reenactment of Paul Revere's arrival in Lexington from Boston, and an afternoon parade.

On Memorial Day and Veterans' Day, the Committee holds services, flag-raising ceremonies, and parades to honor the men and women who have served in the armed forces.

HIGHLIGHTS:**BUDGET ISSUES:**

- Town funding accounts for only a portion of the total cost of these celebrations. Most of the costs are covered through citizen contributions, corporate sponsors, and private donations.

STAFFING:

Staff support for the Public Celebrations Committee is provided by the Town Manager's Office.

Element Totals	FY2002 Expended	FY2003 Appropriated	FY 2004 Dept Request	FY 2004 Recommended	FY 2004 Appropriated
Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses	24,910	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Town Funded Expenses	\$24,910	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
General Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Directed Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Appropriated Resources	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000