

Standard Department Narrative Form

Department Name: **Intergovernmental**

Department Number 840

Purpose of Department/Mission

The Intergovernmental Budget includes the assessments levied on the Town by four independent agencies from which the Town of Montague obtains services: the Greenfield Montague Transportation Area, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran's Services District.

Department Staffing

- Staffing is in each agency.

Mandated Services

- Each of the agencies described has its statutory basis in Massachusetts General Laws. The services themselves are in some instances discretionary (i.e. Public Transportation, Solid Waste Administration, and the General Planning and Administrative Services provided by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments) and in other instances mandated (the statutory portion of the FRCOG assessment, the requirement that towns employ veteran's agents.) Contracts between the Town of Montague and these agencies govern the conditions under which the town obtains these services. In each instance, these contracts provide for the ability of the town to withdraw from a particular district providing the services, but only with sufficient notice.

Other Programs/Services Provided

- It should be noted that the GMTA has merged with the FRTA. In FY 2008, we will be seeing our assessment appear on the cherry sheet for the first time.

Revenues Generated

- None