

## Is your community COCS Compatible?

*Answers to the following questions will help us determine whether a Cost of Community Services (COCS) study can be done in your community and, if so, the level of effort that will be required.*

- 1) What level of government provides the majority of public services (e.g., public works, police protection, social services, etc.) to residents and collects the majority of taxes from residents (and employers, if applicable)?

County \_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please refer to the level of government in question 1 to answer the remaining questions:**

- 2) Using actuals from the budget for the most recent year with closed books, list the total dollar amounts for the following major sources of revenues:

total revenues                   \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
property taxes:                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Does the above amount include property taxes for schools? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
payroll tax <sup>1</sup>                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
sales tax                         \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other? \_\_\_\_\_             \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Are these services provided to all residents within the jurisdiction? (For example, if the county provides the services, are these services provided to all residents living in unincorporated areas of the county?) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

- 4) If you answered No to question 3, list the services that are not provided to all residents:

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<sup>1</sup> May also be called employee withholding tax

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- 5) Are there any departments or special districts that operate separately from the general government? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 6) If you answered Yes to question 5, state how many of each of the following operate within the jurisdiction:
- Fire District: Yes \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - School Districts: Yes \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - Assessors office Yes \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - Recreation department Yes \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - Health department Yes \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - Sewer service Yes \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Does the Sewer service collect fees from users to pay for operations? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - Water service Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_  
Does the Water service collect fees from users to pay for operations? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Out of the total land in your community, what is the estimated percentage of land that is owned by state or federal governments, not including roads? (e.g., parks, forest preserves, wildlife refuges, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 8) Out of the total residential development in your community, what is the estimated percentage of second homes? (residents do not live there for the majority of the year) \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 9) Out of the total residential development in your community, what is the estimated percentage of elderly housing? \_\_\_\_\_ %

*Thank you. An AFT representative will evaluate the answers to these questions to determine whether or not the tax/service structure in your community is compatible to AFT's COCS methodology.*