



Texas Budget Source Web site lets citizens see how tax dollars are spent

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Want to know how much Richardson ISD spent with Xerox last school year? How much does the Dallas police mounted patrol cost? How much did Cedar Hill ISD spend on zoo field trips last year?

For answers to these and other government spending questions, check out a new Web site designed to help citizens get budget information for the state, cities, counties and school districts. The site, [Texas Budget Source](#), was launched today by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, free-market research organization, so that "citizens become better informed voters when they can see how their tax dollars are being spent," said Foundation President Brooke Rollins in a statement Tuesday.

The site is a clearinghouse of links to local government budget information. It also publishes analysis of state spending and includes a link to the Texas Comptroller's "Where the Money Goes" searchable database of state agency expenditures.