

UNIT 2 Government Where You Live

Leaders in your state government help make rules and laws for the people of your state. Who are your state leaders? What does your state do to help citizens and protect the environment? Your state's government affects your life.

Getting Started

1. Research the answers to the questions to learn more about your community.
2. Start by looking at some of the resources in the Find Out section below.
3. Use these resources and others to answer the questions on the next three pages.

Find Out

There are many ways to explore your local government.

- **Start with your state government website.** Learn about officials.
- **Read a local newspaper.** Find articles about state laws.
- **Visit a local representative.** Ask about his or her responsibilities.
- **Use the phone book.** Look up state government listings.