

providing health care, special education, manpower training or other public services; furnishing loans to Marianas citizens forming new business enterprises or other economic development assistance. The corporation might be empowered to undertake such endeavors itself or -- perhaps more appropriately -- to make grants to organizations established by others for such purposes.

Of course, these mechanisms amount to transitional substitutes for governmental activities. It might be preferable simply to provide for a commitment by the corporation to allocate any revenues in excess of expenses at the direction of the District Legislature or any independent representative body that succeeds it. This would make the corporation responsive to the Legislature in the traditional function of creating social and economic programs and allocating resources among them.