

Government Organization

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| Studies and Planning Constitutional Convention..... | \$ | 50,000 |
| Research and Planning Government Reorganization..... | \$ | 50,000 |
| Initial Legislative Program..... | \$ | 50,000 |
| Research U.S. Federal Programs and Services..... | \$ | <u>50,000</u> |
| Subtotal | \$ | 200,000 |
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| Grand Total | \$ | <u><u>1,500,000</u></u> |

The need for funds is urgent since the United States is committed to providing the funds as soon as the covenant is approved. Transition funds which have been authorized in P.L. 94-27 are needed at that time to assure an orderly and speedy process for full self-government as provided under the terms of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth. Should funding for the transition be appropriated prior to Congressional approval of the covenant, the Department will abide by the authorizing language in P.L. 94-27 prohibiting obligation or expenditure prior to such approval.