

1. Please provide, as an attachment to your answers, a current organizational chart for your agency with the number of vacant and filled FTEs marked in each box. Include the names of all senior personnel. Also include the effective date on the chart.

ANSWER: See Attachment #1

2. Please provide, as an attachment, a Schedule A for your agency which identifies all employees by title/position, current salary, fringe benefits, and program office as of February 1, 2020. The Schedule A also should indicate all vacant positions in the agency. Please do not include Social Security numbers.

ANSWER: See Attachment #2

3. Please list as of February 1 all employees detailed to or from your agency, if any, anytime this fiscal year (up to the date of your answer). For each employee identified, please provide the name of the agency the employee is detailed to or from, the reason for the detail, the date the detail began, and the employee's actual or projected date of return.

ANSWER: None

4. For fiscal year 2019 and 2020, please list each employee whose salary was \$125,000 or more. For each employee listed provide the name, position title, salary, and amount of any overtime and any bonus pay.

ANSWER: None

5. Please list, in descending order, the top 15 overtime earners in your agency for fiscal year 2019. For each, state the employee's name, position or title, salary, and aggregate overtime pay.

ANSWER: None

6. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31), please provide a list of employee bonuses or special award pay granted that identifies the employee receiving the bonus or special pay, the amount received, and the reason for the bonus or special pay.

ANSWER: None

7. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31), please list each employee separated from the agency with separation pay. State the amount and number of weeks of pay. Also, for each, state the reason for the separation.

ANSWER: None

8. For fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (through January 31), please state the total number of employees receiving worker's compensation payments.

ANSWER: None

9. Please provide the name of each employee who was or is on administrative leave in fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31). In addition, for each employee identified, please provide: (1) their position; (2) a brief description of the reason they were placed on leave; (3) the dates they were/are on administrative leave; (4) whether the leave was/is paid or unpaid; and (5) their current status (as of January 31, 2020).

ANSWER: None

10. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31), please list, in chronological order, all intra-District transfers to or from the agency. Give the date, amount, and reason for the transfer.

ANSWER: None

11. Please list, in chronological order, every reprogramming of funds into or out of the agency for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31). Include a “bottom line” that explains the revised final budget for your agency. For each reprogramming, list the reprogramming number (if submitted to the Council for approval), the date, the amount, and the rationale.

ANSWER: *There were no reprogramming actions initiated in FY 2019. There was an increase in budget authority of \$ 59,000 as a result of using fund balance (donated funds from income tax check off revenue). There have been no reprogramming actions initiated at this point in FY 2020.*

12. Please list, in chronological order, every reprogramming within your agency during fiscal year 2020 to date. Also, include both known and anticipated intraagency reprogrammings. For each, give the date, amount, and rationale.

ANSWER: None

13. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (as of February 10), please identify each special purpose revenue fund maintained by, used by, or available for use by your agency. For each fund identified, provide: (1) the revenue source name and code; (2) the source of funding; (3) a description of the programs that generates the funds; (4) the amount of funds generated annually by each source or program; and (5) expenditures of funds, including the purpose of each expenditure. For (4) and (5) provide specific data for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (as of January 31) and give starting and ending balances. You may wish to present this information first as a list (for numbers 1-5) and then as separate tables for numbers 4 and 5.

ANSWER: *There is no special purpose revenue. However, as noted above the agency does receive donations.*

14. Please provide a table showing your agency’s Council-approved original budget, revised budget (after reprogrammings, etc.) for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and the first quarter of 2020. In addition, please explain the variances between fiscal year appropriations and actual expenditures for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

ANSWER: See Attachment #3

15. Please list all memoranda of understanding (MOU) either entered into by your agency or in effect during fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31). For each, describe its purpose, indicate the date entered, and provide the actual or anticipated termination date.

ANSWER: None

16. D.C. Law requires the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer to submit to the Council, simultaneously with a proposed budget submission, actual copies of all agency budget enhancements requests, such as the "Form B" for all District agencies (See D.C. Code § 47- 318.05a). In order to help the Committee understand agency needs, and the cost of those needs for your agency, please provide, as an attachment to your answers, all budget enhancement requests submitted by your agency to the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer as part of the budget process for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

ANSWER: Attachment #4

17. Please list all pending lawsuits that name your agency as a party. Please identify which cases on the list are lawsuits that potentially expose the city to significant liability in terms of money and/or change in practices. The Committee is not asking for your judgment as to the city's liability; rather, we are asking about the extent of the claim. For those claims identified, please include an explanation about the issues for each case.

ANSWER: None

18. (a) Please list and describe any investigations, studies, audits, or reports on your agency or any employee of your agency that were completed at any time in fiscal years 2019 or 2020 (through January 31).

ANSWER: *Audit of the New Columbia Statehood Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2018 (OIO Report No. 19-01-04 NCF).*

- (b) Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports of your agency or any employee of your agency.

ANSWER: *Audit of the New Columbia Statehood Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2019 (OIO Report No. 20-01-06 NCF).*

19. How many grievances have been filed by employees or labor unions against agency management? Please list each of them by year for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (through January 31). Give a brief description of each grievance, and the outcome as of January 31, 2020. Include on the chronological list any earlier grievance that is still pending in any judicial forum.

ANSWER: None

20. (a) Please describe the agency's procedures for investigating allegations of sexual harassment committed by or against its employees.

ANSWER: *The Commissions follows the same procedures as other independent DC Government agencies, including the recently issued Mayor's Order 2017-313*

- (b) If different, please describe the agency's procedures for investigating allegations of misconduct.

ANSWER: None

- (b) List and describe each allegation received by the agency in FY 2019 and FY 2020 (as of January 31) and the resolution of each as of the date of your answer.

ANSWER: None

21. In table format, please list the following for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31, 2020) regarding the agency's use of SmartPay (credit) cards for agency purchases: (1) individuals (by name and title/position) authorized to use the cards; (2) purchase limits (per person, per day, etc.); and (3) total spent (by person and for the agency).

Name	Title	Fiscal year	Total Spent	Purchase Limit
Rema Wahabzadah	Legislative Counsel	FY2020 to Date	\$9,582	\$20,000/Month
Agency total	One Card Only	FY2020 to Date		\$20,000/Month

Name	Title	Fiscal year	Total Spent	Purchase Limit
Rema Wahabzadah	Legislative Counsel	FY2019 Total	\$ 99,454	\$20,000/Month
Agency total	One Card Only	FY2019 Total		\$20,000/Month

22. Please provide a list of all procurements for goods or services for use by your agency over \$10,000 for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31). Give a brief explanation of each, including the name of the contractor, purpose of the contract, and the total dollar amount of the contract. Exclude from this answer purchase card (SmartPay) purchases.

ANSWER: None

23. In table format, please provide the following information for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31) regarding your agency's authorization of employee travel: (1) each trip outside the region on official business or agency expense; (2) individuals (by name and title/position) who traveled outside the region; (3) total expense for each trip (per

person, per trip, etc.); (4) what agency or entity paid for the trips; and (5) justification for the travel (per person and trip).

1. Trips Taken Outside the Region

Event	Location	Dates
70 th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Conference	San Jose, CA	12/7/2018-12/9/2018
2019 Sundance Film Festival	Park City Utah	1/25/2019-1/28/2019
“Environmental Justice and Self-Determination.” Conference/XXth Presidency Meeting	Oxford/London UK	2/28/2019-3/3/2019
Target States Outreach to Midwestern Communities	Des Moines, Iowa and Minneapolis, Minnesota	3/25/2019-3/30/2019
Horasis Global Meeting	Lisbon, Portugal	4/06/2019-4/09/2019
Address to the Canadian International Council (CIC)	Montreal, Canada	4/24/2019-4/27/2019
Artificial Intelligence German Bundestag	Berlin, Germany	6/22/2019-6/26/2019
Attended the 2 nd Presidential Debate	Miami, Florida	6/27/2019-6/28/2019
Attended the 3 rd and 4 th Presidential Debate	Detroit, Michigan	7/30/2019-8/1/2019
India Resilience Summit 2019	Hyderabad, India	8/27/2019-9/02/2019
Television Advocacy Award Event	Los Angeles, CA	9/20/2019-9/23/2019
National Council for Social Studies 99 th Conference	Austin, Texas	11/21/2019-11/24/2019
UNPO Presidency Meeting	Brussels, Belgium, EU	12/12/2019-12/15/2020

2. Individuals Authorized to Travel Outside the Region

Particulars	Title
A. Mayor Muriel Bowser	Co-Chair New Columbia Statehood Commission
B. Chairman Phil Mendelson	Co-Chair New Columbia Statehood Commission
C. Senator Paul Strauss	Ranking Member, Office of Statehood Delegation
D. Senator Michael D. Brown	Junior Senator, Office of Statehood Delegation
E. Rep. Franklin Garcia	U.S. Representative, Office of Statehood Delegation
F. Angely Sema	Legislative Assistant, Office of Statehood Delegation
G. Rema Wahabzadah	Legislative Counsel, Office of Statehood Delegation

3. Total Expenses for Each Trip

Event	Expenses
70 th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Conference	\$770.40
2019 Sundance Film Festival	\$1,677.56
“Environmental Justice and Self-Determination” Conference/XXth Presidency Meeting	\$1,476.26
Target States Outreach to Midwestern Communities	\$1,604.06
Horasis Global Meeting	\$1,102.03
Address to the Canadian International Council (CIC)	\$1,597.61

German Bundestag	\$1,380.44
Miami Trip for DEBATE	\$763.00
Attended the 3 rd and 4 th Presidential Debate CITY TIME	\$1,807.36
India Resilience Summit 2019	\$1,715.12
Television Advocacy Award Event	\$1,248.22
National Council for Social Studies 99 th Conference	\$4,138.69
UNPO Presidency Meeting	\$2,537.88

4. Agency Paid for the Trip

ANSWER: Statehood Initiatives Agency

5. Justification for the Travel

Event	Justification	Attendees
70 th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Conference	Senator Strauss was invited to speak at the conference commemorating the 70 th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Conference	Senator Paul Strauss
2019 Sundance Film Festival	Agency staff and Delegation members attended the Sundance Film Festival in Utah for Targeted States Outreach. A DC Statehood Booth was staffed with promotional materials provided by the Office of the Senior Advisor	Senator Paul Strauss
“Environmental Justice and Self-Determination.” Conference /XXth Presidency Meeting	Senator Strauss was a Guest Lecturer at Oxford University for a Conference on “Environmental Justice and Self-Determination.” Following the Conference, Senator Strauss attended the XXth Presidency Meeting of the UNPO of which DC is a member.	Senator Paul Strauss
Target States Outreach to Midwestern Communities	Senator Strauss performed outreach activities related to DC Statehood in multiple communities in two Mid-Western States, Iowa and Minnesota. Senator Strauss also addressed a meeting of the Iowans for DC Statehood Coalition.	Senator Paul Strauss
Horasis Global Meeting	Senator Brown was invited speaker at the annual Horasis Global Meeting. A gathering of business leaders.	Senator Michael D. Brown
Address to the Canadian International Council (CIC)	Senator Strauss addressed the Montreal Chapter of CIC on issues regarding DC Statehood, Human Rights and US Canadian Relations.	Senator Paul Strauss
Artificial Intelligence	Senator Strauss was invited to speak to members of the German Bundestag on the	Senator Paul Strauss

German Bundestag	future of Artificial Intelligence and met with multiple German Officials in an effort to promote International Support for DC Statehood	
Attended the 2 nd Presidential Debate	Senator Strauss attended the 2 nd Presidential Debate to personally meet with and request support from the Presidential candidates for DC Statehood.	Senator Paul Strauss
Attended the 3 rd and 4 th Presidential Debate	Senator Strauss attended the 3 rd and 4 th Presidential debate to personally meet with and request support from the Presidential candidates for DC Statehood.	Senator Paul Strauss
India Resilience Summit	Senator Brown was a keynote speaker at the summit, which was affiliated with the Horasis entity.	Senator Michael D. Brown
Television Advocacy Award Event	The Agency was a sponsoring member of the Television Industry Humanitarian Awards Programme during Emmy weekend, with our strategic partner, The Creative Coalition; Other outreach actives also took place.	Senator Paul Strauss
National Council for Social Studies 99 th Conference	Senator Brown gave a presentation on DC Statehood. The Annual Conference is the largest gathering of K-12 social studies classroom teachers, college and university faculty members, curriculum designers and specialists district and state social studies supervisors, international educators, and social studies discipline leaders.	Senator Michael D. Brown Staff Assistant K. Szulgit
UNPO Presidency Meeting	This is the official Presidency Meeting of the Unrepresented Nations& Peoples Organization (UNPO) of which the District of Columbia's Senior Senator is an elected and voting member.	Senator Paul Strauss

24. Please provide and itemize, as of January 31, 2020, the current number of When Actually Employed (WAE), term, and contract personnel within your agency. If your agency employs WAE or term personnel, please provide, in table format, the name of each employee, position title, the length of his or her term or contract, the date on which he or she first started with your agency, and the date on which his or her current term expires.

Title	Name	Hire Date	Expire Date
Legislative Assistant	Sema, Angely	12/14/2016	09/30/2020
Clerical Assistant	Michael Arnold	02/04/2019	09/30/2020
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL	Rema Wahabzadah	6/11/2015	09/30/2020

25. Did your agency receive any FOIA requests in fiscal year 2019? If yes, did the agency file a report of FOIA disclosure activities with the Secretary of the District of Columbia? If available, please provide a copy of that report as an attachment. Also state here the

total cost incurred by your agency for each fiscal year 2018, 2019, and 2020 (as of January 31) related to FOIA.

ANSWER: None

26. Does your “agency” have key performance indicators? If yes, list them.

Again: in providing the above information, do not use attachments unless specifically requested. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

ANSWER: None

Attachment #1

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New Columbia Statehood
Commission†
Office of the Statehood
Delegation

Attachment #2

ARO- Statehood Initiative Agency

Posn Nbr	Title	Name	Emplid	PT/FT	Grade	Step	Salary
00086132	Staff Assistant	Szulgit,Karen **	00089682	F	9	5	\$ 55,910.00
00086162	Acting Exec. Director	Sema,Angely	00095498	F	4	0	\$ 54,806.65
00086155	SR. LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	Fleming,Myron	00086009	PT	12	10	\$ 891.24
00086156	LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL	Wahabzadah,Rema	00086296	PT	12	10	\$ 7,670.00
TBD	Staff Assistant*	Arnold, Michael*	TBD	F	5	1	\$ 23,166.00

*Position Starting in 2019

** Position Incorrectly Catagorized to include Employer Funded Contributions outside of AR-0 Budget

Attachment #3

**Available Balance - Detail (By Agency
and Comptroller Source Group) - Gross
Funds**

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AR0 - STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY

Fiscal Year: 2018

Report Run Date: Feb 20, 2020

As of Fiscal Month: 13

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% of Year Elapsed: 100.0%

CSG	Comptroller Source Group Title	Original Appropriation - Budget	Final Appropriation - Budget	Current AY Expenditure (less I-D Adv)	Current AY Encumbrances	Current AY Intra District Advances	Current AY Pre- Encumbrance	Current AY Available Balance	Prior AY Expenditures	Prior AY Obligations	FY Available Balance	Percent Available
01 - PERSONNEL SERVICES												
0012	REGULAR PAY - OTHER	133,572	147,395	156,036	0	0	0	(8,642)	0	0	(8,642)	(5.9%)
0014	FRINGE BENEFITS - CURR PERSONNEL	13,237	13,237	18,574	0	0	0	(5,338)	0	0	(5,338)	(40.3%)
	01 - PERSONNEL SERVICES	133,572	160,632	174,611	0	0	0	(13,979)	0	0	(13,979)	(8.7%)
02 - NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES												
0020	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	27,017	27,017	14,559	0	0	0	12,458	0	0	12,458	46.1%
0040	OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	73,323	136,182	134,661	0	0	0	1,521	0	0	1,521	1.1%
0050	SUBSIDIES AND TRANSFERS		21,000	21,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	02 - NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES	100,340	184,199	170,220	0	0	0	13,979	0	0	13,979	7.6%
	STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY	233,912	344,831	344,831	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

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Source: SGAR FIS

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NOTE: Current fiscal year activity related to A\02 emergency preparedness and federal payment funds, if any are included in local funds

**Available Balance - Detail (By Agency and
Comptroller Source Group) - Gross Funds**

Report Prompt

Fiscal Year: 2019

As of Fiscal Month: 13

% of Year Elapsed: 100.0%

AR0 - STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY

Report Run Date: Feb 20, 2020

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CSG	Comptroller Source Group Title	Original Appropriation - Budget	Final Appropriation - Budget	Current AY Expenditure (less I-D Adv)	Current AY Encumbrances	Current AY Intra- District Advances	Current AY Pre- Encumbrance	Current AY Available Balance	Prior AY Expenditures	Prior AY Obligations	FY Available Balance	Percent Available
01 - PERSONNEL SERVICES												
0012	REGULAR PAY - OTHER	127,800	155,300	147,871	0	0	0	7,430	0	0	7,430	4.8%
0013	ADDITIONAL GROSS PAY		0	306	0	0	0	(306)	0	0	(306)	0.0%
0014	FRINGE BENEFITS - CURR PERSONNEL	14,313	21,814	21,769	0	0	0	44	0	0	44	0.2%
	01 - PERSONNEL SERVICES	142,114	177,114	169,946	0	0	0	7,168	0	0	7,168	4.0%
02 - NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES												
0020	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	15,340	15,340	14,146	0	0	0	1,194	0	0	1,194	7.8%
0040	OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	75,000	77,141	92,752	0	878	0	(16,489)	0	0	(16,489)	(21.4%)
0050	SUBSIDIES AND TRANSFERS	10,000	34,000	24,000	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	29.4%
0070	EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT RENTAL		0	1,386	0	(878)	0	(508)	0	0	(508)	0.0%
	02 - NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES	100,340	126,481	132,284	0	0	0	(5,803)	0	0	(5,803)	(4.6%)
	STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY	242,454	303,595	302,230	0	0	0	1,365	0	0	1,365	0.4%

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NOTE: Current fiscal year activity related to AY02 emergency preparedness and federal payment funds, if any are included in local funds

**Available Balance - Detail (By Agency and
Comptroller Source Group) - Gross Funds**

Report Prompts

Fiscal Year: 2020

ARO - STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY

Report Run Date: Feb 20, 2020

As of Fiscal Month: 4

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% of Year Elapsed: 33.3%

CSG	Comptroller Source Group Title	Appropriation	Current AY Expenditure (less I-D Adv)	Current AY Encumbrances	Current AY Intra-District Advances	Current AY Pre-Encumbrance	Current AY Available Balance	Prior AY Expenditures	Prior AY Obligations	FY Available Balance	Percent Available
01 - PERSONNEL SERVICES											
0012	REGULAR PAY - OTHER	129,646	52,630	0	0	0	77,016	0	0	77,016	59.4%
0014	FRINGE BENEFITS - CURR PERSONNEL	15,558	8,377	0	0	0	7,181	0	0	7,181	46.2%
		145,204	61,007	0	0	0	84,197	0	0	84,197	58.0%
02 - NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES											
0020	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	14,665	0	0	0	0	14,665	0	0	14,665	100.0%
0040	OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	75,000	12,120	0	20,418	0	42,461	0	878	41,583	55.4%
0050	SUBSIDIES AND TRANSFERS	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	100.0%
0070	EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT RENTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(878)	878	0.0%
		99,665	12,120	0	20,418	0	67,127	0	0	67,127	67.4%
STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY		244,869	73,127	0	20,418	0	151,324	0	0	151,324	61.8%

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NOTE: Current fiscal year activity related to AY02 emergency preparedness and federal payment funds, if any are included in local funds

ARO Statehood Fund FY 2018 versus FY 2019

Expenditures	FY2018	FY2019	Variance (Decrease) or Increase	Explanation
Personnel	174,610.87	169,946.14	(4,664.73)	The agency is using part time staff. The staffing levels can vary from one pay period to another depending on the nature and number of statehood events and activities undertaken by the office. The FY 2019 expenditures for staffing were \$ 4,664.73 less than in FY 2018. This is a difference is about 2.6 %.
Non Personnel	170,220.20	132,283.91	(37,936.29)	The agency expenditures for supplies, materials, outside services, and other requirements can change from one year to another depending on programs executed and opportunities to engage with other organizations and events relevant to promoting DC Statehood. The FY 2019 expenditures were \$ 37,936.29 less than in FY 2018. This is a difference of about 22.3%. In FY 2018, the agency was allocated additional resources for the 51 Stars Campaign (one time).
Total Expenditure	344,831.07	302,230.05	(42,601.02)	

Attachment #4

FY 2020 PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT – FORM B
Agency Program Enhancement Request Details

Agency Code: AR0

Agency Title: Office of Statehood Delegation (formerly Statehood Initiatives Agency)

Enhancement Title: Program enhancement request to support an expanded level of effort in the pursuit of statehood and equal rights for the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Date: February, 2020

Total Amount of Local Funds: \$244,869.00

FTEs: 1

Is this Enhancement a One-time Cost?: No

Agency Point of Contact: Sen. Paul Strauss, Ranking Member,
Office of the Statehood Delegation

Problem Statement

The office cannot legally function with only one FTE employee and still comply with OCP and ORFM guidelines for PASS, P-Card regulations and annual audit requirements. Additionally the Office needs additional FTEs to support the program needs of the Statehood Delegation, and New Columbia Statehood Commission. Current staff levels are inadequate to support both three elected Statehood Delegation members, and the five-member New Columbia Statehood Commission.

Proposed Solution

This enhancement is needed to fund additional hours Senior WAE agency personnel working for the Office of Statehood Delegation for complete regulatory compliance. The enhancement will permit the current part-time agency staff to meet the non-programmatic requirements of functioning as an agency of the District of Columbia government. Two (2) additional FTEs will support the program needs of the Statehood Delegation, as it relates to its mission of advancing Statehood and equal rights for the people of the District of Columbia.

Cost-Benefit Analysis

Enhancing the Office's FY21 budget would better allow for legal compliance and more programmatic initiatives. The present structure of having the Office of Statehood Delegation function as both a traditional government agency, will the costs and accountability requirements associated with the requirements of an independent agency, while simultaneously require OSD, to function under the jurisdiction of the New Columbia Statehood Commission, creates a dual structure of oversight which requires additional personnel hours to meet these needs. Failure to comply with these requirements will create potential problems which will tend to adversely impact the Statehood effort. Additionally, the regulatory structure has become so burdensome, that the incumbent agency staff currently incur a significant amount of personnel time meeting the regulatory and bureaucratic needs of the agency, while some actual program needs for Statehood outreach are not being met.

Other Benefits

This enhancement will allow the agency to meet its legal requirements, while also advancing the issue it was designed to promote.

Realizing DC statehood would mean achieving budgetary, judicial and legislative autonomy for the District government – and freeing up countless hours of advanced planning for a fiscal year that is still more than a year and a half in the future. Time spent on auditing, budgeting and reporting is time not devoted to outreach and programmatic work that must be done to swell the numbers of local supporters and lawmakers from the 50 states who have the power to make the changes that are necessary to correct our unique political plight. While the Statehood Initiatives supported by the Office of Statehood Delegation benefit from this baseline budget, it requires an inordinate amount of staff time for administrative functions instead of the outreach and statutory advocacy processes.

Legislative Analysis

OBP ASSESSMENT