



*The Executive and Legislative
Branches: SS.7.CG.3.13*
**National Government
Obligations and Services**
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SS.7.CG.3.13 Benchmark Clarification 1: Students will describe and classify specific services provided by local, state, and national governments.

Each level of government provides services for the citizens. Below is a review of the services that each level of government provides.

Local Government Services	State Government Services	National Government Services
<p>Local governments in Florida are required to provide services to their residents. Because local governments are the closest government to the people, they provide more direct services to the people than the state and national governments.</p> <p>Examples of local services include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building public schools 2. Creating local law enforcement groups such as city police officers and county sheriff's deputies 3. Providing water treatment services 4. Providing sewer and garbage services 5. Providing electricity 6. Maintaining local parks and recreation areas 7. Maintaining local and county roads 8. Providing local cable, internet, and phone services 9. Building public housing 10. Maintaining local airports, harbors, and golf courses 	<p>The Florida government is required to provide services to the residents of the state. These services focus on public safety, law enforcement, health services, and education.</p> <p>Examples of state services include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making laws for Florida residents 2. Creating a Department of Education that oversees public education in Florida 3. Creating a state law enforcement agency such as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Florida State Troopers 4. Maintaining state roads 	<p>The United States government is required to provide services to the citizens of the nation. These services focus on national safety, defense, and the general welfare.</p> <p>Examples of national services include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing a military 2. Helping the poor and elderly get health care 3. Providing housing for the poor and elderly 4. Providing for a national mail service (United States Postal Service) 5. Maintaining national highways 6. Providing economic support and military assistance after natural disasters

national government - the national level of government; the government of the United States

local government - the government of a municipality (city) or county

state government - the government of an individual state