

appropriation for fiscal year 1998 to provide funds to promote economic development in the State.

General Fund Appropriation	8,000,000
	<u>2,500,000</u>
	<u>5,278,536</u>

YA04.01 Catastrophic Event Fund

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal year 1998 to provide funds to enable the State to respond without delay to a natural disaster or other catastrophic situation that cannot be taken care of within the resources of existing appropriations.

General Fund Appropriation	2,671,000
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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in order to carry out the provisions of these appropriations the Secretary of Budget and Management is authorized:

(a) To allot all or any portion of the funds herein appropriated to the various departments, boards, commissions, officers, schools and institutions by monthly, quarterly or seasonal periods and by objects of expense and may place any funds appropriated but not allotted in contingency reserve available for subsequent allotment. Upon the Secretary's own initiative or upon the request of the head of any State agency, the Secretary may authorize a change in the amount of funds so allotted.

The Secretary shall, before the beginning of the fiscal year, file with the Comptroller of the Treasury a schedule of allotments, if any. The Comptroller shall not authorize any expenditure or obligation in excess of the allotment made and any expenditure so made shall be illegal.

(b) To allot all or any portion of funds coming into the hands of any department, board, commission, officer, school and institution of the State, from sources not estimated or calculated upon in the budget.

(c) To fix the number and classes of positions, including temporary and permanent positions, or person years of authorized employment for each agency, unit, or program thereof, not inconsistent with the Public General Laws in regard to classification of positions. The Secretary shall make such determinations before the beginning of the fiscal year and shall base them on the positions or person years of employment authorized in the budget as amended by approved budgetary position actions. No payment for salaries or wages nor any request for or certification of personnel shall be made except in accordance with the Secretary's determinations. At