

## The Functions of Government

The Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America identifies the six purposes of government: **to form a more perfect union; establish justice; insure domestic tranquility; provide for the common defense; promote the general welfare; secure the blessings of liberty now and in the future.**

Remember, A government is an institution through which leaders exercise power to make and enforce laws. A government's basic functions are **providing leadership, maintaining order, providing public services, providing national security, providing economic security, and providing economic assistance.**

These functions are performed on a daily basis by both national and state governments under a system called **Federalism.**

