



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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Section 353C-7, HRS, established the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund (FRMSF) under the purview of the Department of Public Safety. Federal payments relating to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program are deposited into the FRMSF which are then used to meet state match requirements for federal grants and costs associated with federal grant reporting requirements. For fiscal year 2006, funds from the FRMSF were used to meet the state match requirements for the following Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Program:

**\$7,425 for the REACH Project**

REACH stands for Responsibility, Education, Attitude, Change and Health. In order to stop the violence, perpetrators must take responsibility for their behavior. To be a responsible individual requires knowledge gained from education. The expectation of the program is attitudinal change leading to the health and well being of individuals, families and communities. This intensive domestic violence education and treatment program for sentenced male perpetrators has three major goals:

1. Establish a continuum of services at Oahu Community Correctional Center for short-term domestic violence offenders sentenced six months to one year.
2. Develop and implement an intensive education program to address short-term domestic violence offender needs in cognitive restructuring and violence reduction, chemical addiction, and parenting.
3. Reduce the number of re-offenses for probation violations, violations of temporary restraining orders and protective orders as well as to increase the number of offenders who successfully complete probation.

Funds from the FRMSF were used to pay for services on a fee basis for the REACH Project.

**\$24,434 for the Sex Offender Treatment Improvement Project**

Chapter 353E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, entitled "Statewide Integrated Sex Offender Treatment Program," is designed to ensure agencies responsible for the assessment, treatment, and supervision of sex offenders to work cooperatively and provide services in accordance with a comprehensive master plan. The Sex Offender Management Team (SOMT) is the coordinating body responsible for the development and implementation of sex offender treatment programs. A 2003 external review of the Statewide program identified significant weakness in the current programs and recommended ways to improve the system.

The Sex Offender Treatment Improvement Project provides staff and training funds to support the work of SOMT in making these improvements. Funds from FRMSF were used for payroll, travel, and supplies.

#### **\$20,000 for the Supportive Living for High Needs Parolees**

In the year 2000, there were 542 female inmates in the Hawaii correctional system. Of that number, 60% had at least one child, 33% had a history of mental health problems and 95% needed substance abuse treatment. The goal of this project is to provide parenting skills, case management to monitor compliance with the taking of medications, and substance abuse education. The provision of these services coupled with supervision in a structured living setting will enhance the female parolees' chances for surviving on parole.

Since the project started, all parolees that completed the program have not returned to prison for new criminal offenses. Further, 57% of those that participated in this project moved on to independent living arrangements.

This project has shown a great deal of success in addressing the complex needs of female offenders who require a supportive living environment to assist them in moving on to independent living, while simultaneously reducing their rate of recidivism and subsequent return to prison.

#### **\$18,802 for Corrections Mental Health Case Management**

Lack of mental health resources in corrections make it difficult to provide adequate individualized mental health case management and discharge planning services. This results in fragmented and missed treatment opportunities throughout the correctional system as well as poor transition and stabilization of these special needs patients in the community. As a result of discussions and collaboration among the various Criminal Justice Agencies regarding this problem, the Department of Health developed a four-year plan to build the community infrastructure necessary to service individuals with severe and persistent mental illnesses to divert them away from institutions.

The grant allows the Department of Public Safety to develop case management infrastructure, resources and system to fully utilize, coordinate and contribute towards the success of these solutions. Adequate case management and discharge planning ensures that the identified patients receive available community resources. The mental health case management also assists in identifying necessary treatment opportunities during the patient's incarceration. This is an important aspect for successful community re-entry. Funds were used to pay for payroll and supplies.