



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**RESPONSE TO  
SECTION 353C-7  
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

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Department of Public Safety  
Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund  
Fiscal Year 2003

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 2003, 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:

**\$7,157 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, and violations of temporary restraining orders and protective orders and increase the number of offenders who successfully complete probation.

Funds from the FRMSF were used to pay for supplies and classes for the REACH Project.

**\$37,968 for the Sentencing Simulation Model**

Sentencing simulation modeling is a computer-based technique which can evaluate the impact of current policies and examine the likely outcome of proposed policy changes. It uses information from the criminal justice system, integrates policies, and produces estimates of the outcome of those interactions in terms of correctional resources.

The model relies on existing databases used by probation, corrections, and parole to extrapolate and manipulate information that is used to forecast the potential impact of changes to sentencing policy. FRMSF funds were used for payroll and travel expenses.

**\$27,442 for the Supportive Living for High Needs Female Parolees Project**

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. It is the goal of this project 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. Funds from the FRMSF were used for travel, laboratory services, and contract services associated with this project.

**\$13,968 for Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions Project**

The Judiciary, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Health are working collaboratively on a project to develop intermediate sanctions. Intermediate sanctions are sanctions that can be imposed on offenders without sending them to jail or prison. Through this project, a range of programs will be developed which will enable the courts and the Hawaii Paroling Authority to place offenders in the least restrictive option consistent with public safety. Ultimately, the state will be better able to manage the correctional population.

As a first step, we plan to implement system-wide risk and needs assessment tools to be used by all agencies. Funds from the FRMSF were used for part of the salary for the Project Coordinator position.