



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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**RESPONSE TO SECTION 353C-7
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**Annual Report on the Status of the
Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund**

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Section 353C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund (FRMSF) under the purview of the Department of Public Safety (PSD). Act 77, SLH 2012 added additional use of the federal payments relating to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program that are deposited into the FRMSF as follows:

1. To meet the state match requirement for federal grants and costs associated with federal grant reporting requirements, including administrative expenses such as the hiring of temporary staff;
2. For any other purpose deemed necessary by the department for maintaining existing federal grants as well as pursuing federal grants;
3. To hire consultants to provide training for corrections officers;
4. To hire consultants to conduct facility or program evaluations;
5. To rent or purchase vehicles to transport inmates;
6. To provide pre-release and reentry programs;
7. To improve technology; and
8. To develop a plan for workforce recruitment and retention.

For fiscal year 2015, the total expenditure was \$403,516.77. The details of the expenditure are as follows:

\$320,506.43 for Purchasing Replacement Vehicles

The funds were used to purchase replacement vehicles to transport inmates from the Correctional facility to district or circuit court. A priority vehicle listing was provided by each facility based on the vehicle's age, mileage, and working condition. Correctional facilities were provided replacement vehicles based on the vehicle's condition and amount of available funding.

\$60,826.84 for State Match for the Rural Health Care Pilot Project

The grants funds were used to upgrade the State Telehealth Access Network (STAN) as a cost-effective and shared network. The overall goal was to establish a framework to use the STAN to improve the healthcare in Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, and the Asia-Pacific Region; provide a foundation for healthcare and public health research and infrastructure; enhance a shared Health Information Technology to improve services, develop and deliver education to build human resource capacity; and efficiently and effectively share resources to mutually benefit the PSD, University of Hawaii, and the public.

\$22,183.50 for State Match for the Bridge Programs

The purpose of this grant is to continue building on PSD's success in operating the substance abuse treatment and reentry programs. The funds were used for two Office Assistant III positions. The funding of these positions increased the clinical staff contact hours with the clients, as the clinical staff was no longer required to conduct clerical duties.