

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT TO THE 2017 LEGISLATURE

# RESPONSE TO SECTION 353C-7 HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund

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### Department of Public Safety (PSD)

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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 2016, the total expended was \$492,340.78. The details of the expenditure are as follows:

#### \$314,106.93 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.

#### \$18,420.71 Handheld Radio for the Correctional Facilities

The funds were used to purchase replacement Handheld Radio for the Corrections Division. These radio provide communication for Adult Corrections Officers (ACO) and supervisory personnel.

#### \$43,350.86 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.

**\$83,157.03 for Waiawa Correctional Facility for renovation for Telephone System** This fund was used to renovate and repair the aging telephone system at the Waiawa Correctional Facility.

# \$30,000.00 for FRMSF Administrative Fees

\$3,305.25 for FRMSF Administrative Misc. Expenses