DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2008 LEGISLATURE

RESPONSE TO SECTION 353C-7(c)
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

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. 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 2007, 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:

**$27,665 for the Sex Offender Treatment Improvement Project**
Chapter 353E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, entitled “Statewide Integrated Sex Offender Treatment Program”, was 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.

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

**$5,739.00 for Corrections Mental Health Case Management**

The grant allowed the Department of Public Safety to develop case management infrastructure, resources and systems to fully utilize, coordinate and contribute towards stabilizing the special needs of patients. Adequate case management and discharge planning ensured the identified patients received available community resources. The mental health case management also assisted in identifying necessary treatment opportunities during the patient’s incarceration. Funds were used to pay for payroll and supplies.

**$576 for the Supportive Living for High Needs Parolees**
There were 779 female inmates in the Hawaii correctional system. 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 provisions of these services coupled with supervision in a structured living setting will enhance the female parolees’ chances for surviving on parole.

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.