



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT TO THE 2015 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 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 2014, the total expenditure was \$300,378.23. The details of the expenditure are as follows:

**\$237,211.00 for Purchasing Replacement Vehicles**

The funds were used to purchase replacement vehicles to transport inmates from the correctional facility to district or circuit court, hospitals, medical appointments, and other approved destinations. A priority vehicle listing was provided by each facility based on their existing vehicles' age, mileage, and working condition. Correctional facilities were provided replacement vehicles based on the vehicles' conditions and amount of available funding.

**\$40,462.40 for Digital Portable Radios**

The funds were used to purchase digital portable radios to provide a means of communication between the adult correction officers, correctional facility, and law enforcement officers when escorting inmates between the correctional facility and district or circuit court.

**\$22,704.83 for Grant Match for the Bridge Programs**

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