December 24, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
President and Members of the Senate and Members of the House of
Thirtieth State Legislature Representatives
State Capitol, Room 409 Thirtieth State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 State Capitol, Room 431
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Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund, as required by Section 353C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund.pdf.

Sincerely,

Nolan P. Espinda
Director

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

December 2019
Section 353C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund (FRMSF) under the purview of the Department of Public Safety (PSD). The following are the uses allowed for these special funds:

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 2019, the total expenditure was $535,706.89. The details of the expenditure are as follows:

$309,768.00 for Purchasing Replacement Vehicles
The funds were used to purchase replacement vehicles (including handicap van) to transport inmates from Correctional facilities to the courts, medical facilities, and other destinations. 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 the available funding.

$10,808.69 for State Match for the Violence Against Women Grant (VAWA)
The purpose of this grant is to implement comprehensive strategies addressing violence against women that are sensitive to the needs and safety of victims and holding offenders accountable for their crimes.

$44,843.19 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 for inmates.

$170,287.01 for Hawaii Correctional Industries