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Police and Correctional Training Commissions - Q00G
Fiscal Year 2022 Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation and Environment Subcommittee
Senator Cory McCray, Chair
February 8, 2021

House Appropriations Committee
Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee
Delegate Keith Haynes, Chair
February 8, 2021

MPTSC Fund Issue: DPSCS should brief the committees on the projects currently funded by the MPTSC police training fund.

Response: The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) Fund receives \$2 million each year from court fees which are collected throughout the fiscal year. Although budget documents reflect the \$2M being received each fiscal year (FY) since FY 2019, funds are not allocated to the Police and Correctional Training Commission's budget until the end of the fiscal year, typically late June or early July. Expenditures from this fund cannot be allocated until they are transferred into the budget. Therefore, although Exhibit 4 reflects \$6M is available as of FY 2021, only \$4M is currently allocated and the additional funds for FY 2021 will not be available until the end of FY 2021 or the beginning of FY 2022. The priority for the fund has been to obtain a learning management records system (LMRS) that will allow the MPTSC to track the certification and training of every police officer in the State.

A new LMRS has been a priority for several years as the current system is over 25 years old and unable to be supported with additional updates. It is also limited in the amount of information that can be provided. Due to the manner in which the MPTSC Fund is funded, the MPTSC could not start the procurement process for the LMRS until a funding certification was completed. As the funding certification was being completed, the MPTSC was developing the scope of services that would be required for a new system. A request for proposals was published in FY21 and additional information about the process will be provided later in this document.

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In FY 2020, the MPTSC training fund was utilized for the following priority projects identified by the MPTSC:

- Procure a Job Task Analysis.

The award for Job Task Analysis was completed and a portion of the expense was spent in FY 2020 with the balance due in FY 2021. The last job task analysis conducted on behalf of the Commission was over 20 years ago. The vendor has had to modify the process due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, despite some minor setbacks that resulted in modified practices, the vendor is on track to complete the job task analysis.

- Supplement funding for the Renovation of the Training Tank at Public Safety Education and Training Center.

A training initiative that was identified several years ago, required renovations to the training tank. The benefits of these renovations are that water rescue training will be able to be conducted in a tank dedicated primarily to this type of training for individual agencies and collaboratively when the response of teams from multiple agencies is required. A transfer to the Department of General Services in the amount of \$200,000 was needed to supplement the construction budget Renovation of the Training Tank. The total spent from this fund in FY20 was \$251k.

In FY 2021 the MPTSC Fund has been utilized for the following:

- \$104k has been spent from the fund for SUV training vehicles.

Many law enforcement agencies have enhanced their fleets to include SUVs. Funds from the grant allowed for upgrades to the fleet at the Driver Training Facility that is better aligned with the types of vehicles currently used by law enforcement agencies.

- Air purifying units for some classroom areas.

COVID-19 changed the way most agencies conduct business. As a training entity, the MPTSC was able to modify some classroom instruction to remote learning; yet, the need to provide in-person training continued. Using the fund to purchase air purifying units allowed for required in-person training to continue to be offered while contributing to a safer environment for staff and students who also utilized PPE.

- An emergency alert system.

Severe weather conditions, the COVID-19 pandemic, and threats to the safety and security of the staff, students, and visitors were identified as presenting a risk. An emergency alert system was determined to be an essential need for providing a safe and secure training environment. A portion of the fund was utilized to implement an emergency alert system.

- LMRS

It is projected that the LMRS will be awarded in FY 2021 and an initial down payment will be made to the approved vendor. The request for proposal was advertised in late

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2020 with bids due by mid February. Review and evaluation of the proposals is planned for the upcoming weeks. The range of the bids for the initial service to include equipment, installation, transfer of data, training, and backup is between \$2 million - \$3 million. PCTC is not able to further commit MPTSC funds until the actual cost for the LMRS is known.

- An additional \$500k is projected to be spent in FY 2021 for the remaining balance due for the Job Task Analysis, additional air purifying units for the skills buildings and dormitories, and as a portion of the estimated initial award for the Learning Management System.

Projected expenses for the MPTSC fund for FY 2022 and future years include annual maintenance for the LMS project, driver training simulators (\$550k) and prioritization of deferred construction projects for enhancements to skills training areas, such as the Scenario-Based Training Facilities.

Recommended Actions

1. Concur with Governor's allowance.

Response: The Department concurs.