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Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Police and Correctional Training Commission - Q00G
Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation and Environment Subcommittee
Senator Sarah K. Elfreth, Chair
February 9, 2023

Appropriations Committee
Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee
Delegate Tony Bridges, Chair
February 16, 2023

MPTSC Fiscal 2024 Fund Balance Approaching \$10 Million

Issue: MPTSC should expand on its vision for the MPTSC Fund, describe its strategic plan to enhance police training programs in the State, and address the series of delays and cost increases in the LMSR project.

Response:

The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) has utilized the MPTSC Fund to enhance police training in accordance with several legislative mandates implemented in the previous two years. In FY 23, funds were used to support training that was conducted for the newly established Administrative Charging Committees (ACC). Additionally, the fund was earmarked to allow for a new Learning Management System (LMS) to be purchased. This new system will track certifications for public safety professionals throughout their careers, as well as, original certification or recertification, separation of employment, changes in officer status, promotion/demotion, name changes, instructor certification, and transfers. In addition to tracking a public safety professional's training and certification history, the LMS system will be used to respond to public disclosure requests, create custom and standard reports, track course/class information history, scheduling, and student attendance (academy and in-service

classes) history, firearms qualification records, law enforcement agency information, agency contact information, and instructor certification and training area expertise information.

Although it appears that the fund has been underutilized, procurements for the two largest expenditures of the fund are in the final stages of approval and the funds are expected to be incurred in FY23. The Department expects to recommend the Driver Training Simulator award to BPW in April or May 2023. Similarly, the LMS procurement closed on January 31, 2023 and the Department anticipates presenting the recommended award to the BPW in May 2023. When approved, the LMS procurement is likely to consume the majority, if not all, of the current fund balance.

The MPTSC's current planned strategic use of the fund is for maintaining and enhancing the LMS following the initial purchase. The fund will also continue to be utilized to enhance training initiatives for the various ACCs across Maryland, expand and enhance numerous police training programs related to use of force, de-escalation, community engagement, and specialized assignments, as well as, management and supervisory oversight of subordinate officers. It is projected the fund will also provide the opportunity to purchase additional virtual training simulator systems. The purchase of these systems will expand training opportunities by increasing the availability of training in regional locations in the eastern, southern, and western areas of Maryland.

Recommended Action: Concur with Governor's Allowance