



*Commission Resolution 2010-03  
to Provide Policy Direction for the Michigan Justice Training Fund  
Competitive Grant Program Mandated by Public Act 302 of 1982.*

*WHEREAS*, Public Act 301 of 1982 (MCL 257.907) levied an assessment of \$5.00 for each civil infraction for traffic offenses to be deposited into the Michigan Justice Training Fund; and

*WHEREAS*, Public Act 302 of 1982 (MCL 18.421) created the Michigan Justice Training Commission to make annual distributions of the justice training funds to eligible criminal justice entities; and,

*WHEREAS*, Executive Reorganization Order 2001-5 (MCL 28.621) consolidated the former Michigan Justice Training Commission and the former Commission on Law Enforcement Standards into the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is the duly appointed body to: 1) annually distribute 60% of the Justice Training Fund to eligible entities under the law enforcement distribution, and 2) annually distribute, through a competitive grant process, the balance of the fund after administrative costs have been deducted; and,

*WHEREAS*, the amount of revenue collected for the Justice Training Fund has steadily decreased annually for a cumulative decline of over 30% since 2007; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards was legislatively mandated in 2009 to use the Justice Training Funds for broader operational needs to fulfill all of its statutorily mandated responsibilities; and

*WHEREAS*, the available revenue for the competitive grant program for fiscal year 2011 is projected to have declined by 45% from the funds available for award in 2010; approximately \$1.3 million available for award down from \$2.3 million; and,

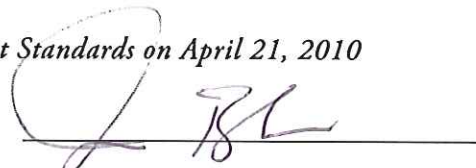
*WHEREAS*, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards has sought ways to ensure that the Criminal Justice Community, and grant applicants specifically, will continue to benefit from the Competitive Grant Program to the greatest degree possible; now,

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards shall restructure the existing competitive grant process and shall:

- a. Determine an equitable distribution of grant funding for all types of criminal justice needs: law enforcement, prosecution, defense, courts, corrections, specialized, and cross-disciplinary;

- b. Identify and distribute a reduced list of training topics which will be given priority consideration in grant awards;
- c. Ensure that needs as identified by constituent consortia are followed as the basis for awarding available funding to the highest degree possible;
- d. Ensure, where reductions or denials of grant requests are necessary due to a lack of available funding, that the applicant's list of priorities for funding and reductions is followed to the highest degree possible;
- e. Provide to grant applicants detailed and specific instructions for grant application completion, submission and reporting requirements through written instructions and mandated regional workshops;
- f. Consider as low priorities grant applications and/or training segments of an application that could be supported by other training funds in a more cost effective manner through the direct scheduling of, and payment to the training vendor;
- g. Require a 25% match across all grant applications;
- h. Enforce the statutory mandate that in-state training and in-state vendors will be given funding priority over out-of-state vendors and training;
- i. Enforce the Commission's long-standing policy that grants to support out-of state training attendance will only be funded for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining specialized certifications that are bona-fide job qualifications for the individuals requesting the travel and training;
- j. Enforce the requirement that applicants provide specific, detailed written justification in advance for requests for out-of-state training detailing how the training being requested meets the requirement of obtaining or maintaining specialized certifications that are bona-fide job qualifications for the individuals requesting the travel and training, and;
- k. Ensure the fair and equitable competitive nature of the Competitive Grant Program by enforcing compliance with completion, submission, and reporting requirements.

*Adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on April 21, 2010*

  
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Sheriff James Bosscher, Chair