



SUBJECT: 2023 MJTF COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS

PURPOSE: COMMISSION ACTION

DATE	SECTION	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	AUTHOR
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## **Background**

The Michigan Justice System Fund revenue is generated from court assessments on civil infractions, misdemeanors, and felonies. Of the assessments, the first \$10 of each civil infraction is directed to the secondary road patrol and training fund, and 11.84% of the remaining fund revenue is directed to the Michigan Justice Training Fund (MJTF).

The MJTF is administered by MCOLES under PA 302 of 1982, as follows:

MCL 18.422(4) The commission shall use the Michigan justice training fund for the following purposes:

- (a) Making law enforcement distributions as provided by this act.
- (b) Paying the reasonable expenses of providing staff services to the commission for administering and enforcing the statutory requirements of this act and administering and enforcing the statutory requirements of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act.
- (c) Awarding grants as provided by this act.**

Eligible applicants include those from the areas of adjudication, corrections, defense, law enforcement, and prosecution, plus cross-platform specialized grants.

## **Information**

For fiscal year (FY) 2022/calendar year (CY) 2023, approximately \$2.9 million is available to fund competitive grants. The large available amount is due to funds from the Medical Marijuana Regulatory Fund (MMRF) becoming available at the end of fiscal year 2019, which allowed for the move of most administrative expenditures charged to the MJTF to the MMRF from that year. There were also significantly fewer grant requests for FY 2020/CY 2021 resulting in an additional balance, a trend that continued to the FY 2021/CY 2022 and FY 2022/CY 2023 application cycles.

Solicitation for grant applications was sent to prior grant applicants in March 2022, with applications due by May 20, 2022. A total of nine applications were received totaling \$1,184,591.78 in requested grant funds. The applications were subject to programmatic review of the proposed training courses,

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examining the content for justification, training methods and objectives, and adherence to the priority listing approved by the Commission. Additionally, a fiscal review is performed to ensure the budget narrative and detail are consistent with the request and that items meet the guidelines for expenditures. Staff compiles a summary of each grant, which includes a project summary, program analysis, fiscal analysis, and recommendations to the Commission for grant awards.

The below chart provides the grant applicant, title, requested funds, and staff recommendations for funding. The [staff analyses](#) and the complete [grant applications](#) are attached.

Applicant	Project Title	Requested Grant Funding	Recommended Grant Funding	Reductions/Comments
Michigan Judicial Institute	Court Support Staff Training: First-Level Supervisor Learning Management System-Based Training	\$39,090.00	39,090.00	
Eaton County Sheriff's Office	Evidence Technician Training	\$13,545.00	\$8,745.00	A reduction of \$4,800.00 for equipment costs where there is no indication that the equipment would be used solely for the purpose of in-service training.
Grand Valley State University	Police Precision Driving	\$94,506.20	\$94,506.20	
Grand Valley State University	Fundamentals of Realistic De-Escalation	\$12,375.00	\$12,375.00	
Monroe County Sheriff's Office	FY 2023 Monroe County Annual Training Plan	\$18,029.00	\$18,029.00	
Michigan State Police – Computer Crimes Unit	Building Forensic and Investigative Capacity in Technology	\$108,710.00	\$108,710.00	
Michigan State Police-Organizational Development Division	2023 Leadership Development Academy	\$70,663.50	\$70,663.50	
Northern Michigan University	Law Enforcement Training Competitive Grant 2023	\$128,030.83	\$128,030.83	
Michigan State Police – Forensic Science Division	Forensic Science Training	\$699,642.25	\$699,642.25	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,184,591.78</b>	<b>\$1,179,791.78</b>	

There were minimal corrections necessary as most applicants have multiple years' experience submitting grant applications. Since the total funds requested is less than the available funds, no reductions were required.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Commission vote to approve these grant applications for award, with consideration of staff recommendations for adjusted funding amounts.