

TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT: PROBATION FEE AND REPAYMENT REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS:

To complete this report, you will need 2007 bank statements for your restricted account and the 2006 PFRR form. For assistance, call 866-220-4357.

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE § 414.010. PAYMENTS FROM DEFENDANTS ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION; REWARD REPAYMENTS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a crime stoppers organization certified by the council to receive money in the form of payments from defendants placed on community supervision under Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or money in the form of repayments of rewards under Articles 37.073 and 42.152, Code of Criminal Procedure, may use not more than 20 percent of the money annually received to pay costs incurred in administering the organization and shall use the remainder of the money, including any interest earned on the money, only to reward persons who report information concerning criminal activity. Not later than January 31 of each year, a crime stoppers organization that receives or expends money under this section shall file a detailed report with the council.

(b) A crime stoppers organization shall establish a separate reward account for money received under this section.

(d) If the amount of funds received by a crime stoppers organization under this section exceeds three times the amount of funds that the organization uses to pay rewards during a fiscal year based on the average amount of funds used to pay rewards during each of the preceding three fiscal years, the organization may deposit the excess amount of funds in a separate interest-bearing account to be used by the organization for law enforcement purposes relating to crime stoppers or juvenile justice, including intervention, apprehension, and adjudication. An organization that deposits excess funds in an account as provided by this subsection may use any interest earned on the funds to pay costs incurred in administering the organization.

Restricted account - a reward account for money received from defendants on community supervision/probation and repayment fees. Separate from administrative/operations or donated fund accounts.

Line 1 - Enter the beginning balance on January 1, 2007. This should match the ending balance on the 2006 report. If they do not, please review your bookkeeping to locate the problem. If there is a discrepancy between the beginning balance on January 1, 2007 and the ending balance on the 2006 report, put an asterisk next to Line 1 along with an attached explanation explaining the discrepancy. For example:

1. Beginning Balance, Probation Fees Restricted Account \$_____**See Attached Explanation

Line 2 - Enter the total amount of probation and repayment fees received from the Community Supervisions and Corrections Department (CSCD) from January 1 to December 31, 2007. If the CSCD sends a check in January for the December fees, report those funds on next year's form. Only report the funds that you **actually received and deposited** from the courts or CSCD during the 2007 calendar year. If two or more programs share court funds, record the total fees received from courts before disbursement on 2(A). Record the total amount disbursed to other certified Crime Stoppers programs on 2(B). Line 2 is the total amount of probation and repayment of fees your program retained after disbursing all fees to other Crime Stoppers programs, or 2(A) - 2(B). For example:

2. TOTAL PROBATION AND REPAYMENT FEES RECEIVED in 2007
 \$7500 - \$2500 = \$5000
A. TOTAL FEES RECEIVED IN 2007 B. TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED

Line 3 - Enter the amount of interest earned on the restricted account in 2007.

Line 4 - Enter the total of lines 1, 2, and 3.

Line 5 - Enter the amount allocated to the administrative/operations account from the restricted account in 2007. This is not to exceed 20% of line 2.

Line 6 - Enter the amount of restricted probation and repayment fees allocated to campus umbrella programs for rewards in 2007.

Line 7 - Enter the amount of excess funds from the restricted account allocated to juvenile justice and law enforcement projects. Read Chapter 414 of the Government Code above or contact the Office of the Governor for further explanation. Funds are considered excess if they exceed the total of the previous three years worth of rewards paid. For example, your program paid \$1,700 in 2004, \$1,900 in 2005, and \$2,225 in 2006, totaling \$5,825. If the program has \$7,500 in the restricted account, then the difference, \$1,675, is considered excess funds. **If you have an excess funds account, you must complete Attachment A to the PFRR.**

Line 8 - The amount of rewards paid from the restricted account in 2007. Do **not** include rewards paid from donations or fundraising. If a reward was authorized, but not picked up by the informant, the money should still be in the account and should not be counted as part of the total rewards paid.

Line 9 - The amount of bank fees paid on the restricted account in 2007.

Line 10 - Enter the total of lines 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Line 11 - Subtract line 10 (the total expended) from line 4. The ending balance should match your account balance on December 31, 2007. If it does not, please review.

Line 12 - Enter the dollar amount of rewards paid from non-restricted, donated, or fundraising funds. Do not include rewards paid from line 8 on this line.