Pursuant to Local Law 160 of 2021, this report provides information regarding the amount of commissary funds remaining in the accounts of all individuals who are no longer in the custody of the department, the number of such accounts and efforts made in each year to return any unclaimed funds. This information is as of May 1, 2023.

Total amount of unclaimed funds: $4,258,579.74
Total number of commissary accounts with unclaimed funds: 319,493

Last year, the Department revised policy to reflect a change in procedure to claim unused commissary funds, and informed incarcerated individuals of the change through a flyer posted in facilities. Formerly incarcerated individuals can claim their unused commissary funds in person at Department Cashier Windows or giving the Department an address to which a check can be sent by mail. Individuals can immediately receive up to $200 in cash of such funds when they are discharged from the Department’s custody to the community.

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1 This reflects the number of commissary accounts, which are created upon admission, and not the actual number of unique persons with such accounts. More than one registered account can belong to the same person.