

Hattiesburg Police Department K-9 Program Expansion

Program Budget

Item	Cost per Unit	Quantity	Total Cost	Proposed Funding Source
Dog	\$6,000.00	2	\$12,000.00	Asbury Foundation
SUV - Outfitted	\$60,000.00	3	\$180,000.00	Asbury Foundation
Veterinary Services	\$2,555.00	2	\$5,110.00	Hattiesburg Police Department General Fund
TOTAL			\$197,110.00	

Total requested from Asbury Foundation: \$192,000

Budget Narrative

The only extra costs to the Hattiesburg Police Department will be the purchase of the dogs, the SUVs, and the estimated veterinary expenses incurred for the additional dogs. All other costs are already accounted for in the Police Department's budget. The Police Department already owns all the general supplies and equipment for the dogs, such as collars, leashes, bulletproof vests, and water and food bowls. Additionally, the Police Department already owns all of the equipment and supplies needed to train the dogs. The training of the dogs and officers will be conducted at the Hattiesburg Police Department's Training Academy by Sergeant Stephon Richardson, who is a certified K-9 trainer currently employed by the Police Department, so no extra cost will be incurred for training. The two K-9 handlers will be chosen from two officers who are currently employed by Hattiesburg Police Department, and the officers will not receive an increase in pay after becoming a K-9 handler. Additionally, the SUV K-9 cruisers will replace the vehicles currently being used by the officers, and the Hattiesburg Police Department has their own facility where they provide the maintenance, repairs, and fuel for the vehicles.

Dogs. Two untrained dogs will be purchased from approved breeders. These dogs will most likely be either German Shepherds or Belgian Malinois, as these are the most commonly utilized breeds for police dogs due to their abilities and personalities.

SUV – Outfitted. The Hattiesburg Police Department will purchase three outfitted Chevrolet Tahoes. Each outfitted SUV will include the standard police cruiser features such as tinting, stripes, lettering, a computer, radar, lights, sirens, radio, and other miscellaneous equipment. The extra features to accommodate the K-9 will include a kennel, temperature monitor, cooling system, and a door popper to release the dog (operated from a remote on the handler's belt).

Veterinary Services. Veterinary expenses for the two dogs will include check-ups, medical care, and food. The costs are estimated for one year.