

Hattiesburg Police Department K-9 Program Expansion

Summary of Proposal

In order to better serve and protect the residents of Hattiesburg and surrounding counties, the Hattiesburg Police Department proposes to expand its current K-9 program to have a dual-purpose police dog readily available on each patrol shift. The Hattiesburg Police Department is requesting the funds from Asbury Foundation to purchase two additional police dogs and three SUVs to be outfitted as K-9 cruisers. Costs for the dogs and outfitted SUVs are estimated at \$192,000. Two officers currently employed with the Hattiesburg Police Department will be selected to partner with the two new dogs as their K-9 handlers. Two of the SUVs will be the assigned vehicles to the two new K-9 teams, and one of the SUVs will be assigned to a current K-9 team in need of a cruiser replacement.

Once the dogs are purchased and the K-9 officers are selected, the dog and officer teams will undergo an initial three-month training together with Sergeant Stephon Richardson at the Hattiesburg Police Department Training Academy. Any ongoing training will also be conducted at the Training Academy. In addition to assuming the cost of training the police dogs and K-9 handlers, the Hattiesburg Police Department will also assume the responsibility of providing for any other needs associated with the K-9 program, including equipment and supplies for the dogs, veterinary expenses, officer salaries, and vehicle fuel, maintenance, and repairs.

The Hattiesburg Police Department is comprised of over 100 police officers across four shifts. The current K-9 program in place consists of two dual-purpose dogs and one specialty-trained bomb detection dog. A dual-purpose dog is one that has been trained to detect drugs as well as apprehend criminals, while the only job of the bomb detection dog is to detect bombs. Since there are four patrol shifts and only two dual-purpose dogs, a K-9 officer is not always readily available when one is needed. When this situation occurs, the Hattiesburg Police Department has to request assistance from other agencies and wait for K-9 support, and valuable time is lost in the process. With the addition of two dogs, each patrol shift would benefit from having its own K-9 team. Police dogs provide a wide range of benefits and can be used for a variety of tasks. Not only are they skilled at detecting drugs, but they can also be used to apprehend criminals, conduct missing searches, protect officers, conduct building searches, locate evidence, identify suspects, assist with traffic stops, and participate in K-9 demonstrations at local schools. Expanding the K-9 program would also make the Hattiesburg Police Department more readily able to provide assistance to surrounding counties and law enforcement agencies in need of K-9 support.

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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.

COVER SHEET(You may reproduce this form on your computer.) Please fill out **completely**.Date of Application: 2/05/2019**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**website: www.hattiesburgms.comCity of Hattiesburg - Hattiesburg Police Department

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Title

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Organization Description: (2-3 sentences)

The Hattiesburg Police Department was established in 1903 and is currently led by Chief of Police Anthony Parker. The Department consists of the Office of the Chief of Police, the Assistant Chief, Operations, Direct Support, and Administrative Bureaus. It is authorized a staff of 138 sworn and 108 non-sworn personnel.

Is your organization an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit?

YESX NO

EIN#

64-6000432

If no, is your organization a public agency/unit of government or religious institution:

X YESYESNOIf no, name of fiscal agent (fiscal sponsor): City of Hattiesburg**AMOUNT AND TYPE OF SUPPORT REQUESTED**

The dollar amount being requested:

\$ 192,000

Funds are being requested for (make sure the funder provides the type of support you are requesting, then check the appropriate line):

X general operating supportX project supportstart-up costscapitalendowmenttechnical assistance

Other: _____

If a project, give project duration May Month 2019 Year to April Month 2020 Year

If operating support, fiscal year: _____ Month _____ Year to _____ Month _____ Year

BUDGET

Total annual organization budget:

\$ 13,180,686

Total project budget (for support other than general operating):

\$ 197,110**PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

(If operating or start-up support, relate to the organization. If project and other support, relate to the project.)

Project name (if applying for project support): Hattiesburg Police Department K-9 Program Expansion

Please give a 2-3-sentence summary of the request:

The Hattiesburg Police Department is requesting funds from the Asbury Foundation to expand its K-9 program with the purchase of additional dogs and SUVs to be outfitted as K-9 cruisers. The Hattiesburg Police Department will assume all costs for training, officer salaries, equipment and supplies for the dogs, veterinary expenses, and vehicle fuel, maintenance, and repairs.

Geographic area served: City of HattiesburgPopulation served: 46,377Disclose any relationship with a Board Member or Members: Three City Council members (Jeffrey George, Carter Carroll, and Mary Dryden) are acquainted with Bill Ray.**AUTHORIZATION**President or Chief Executive Officer and/or Board Chair (title): Mayor Toby BarkerSignature: Toby Barker