

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFIED SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO K9s4COPs Inc. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE LARAMIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE TWO K9'S AND ASSOCIATED TRAINING.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: REQUESTED FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE TWO K9S AND PROVIDE NECESSARY TRAINING.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Laramie County desires to participate in the K9s4COPs Inc. grant by sponsoring this grant application to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Laramie County has been provided with preliminary cost estimates and information on this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY that a grant application be submitted to K9s4COPs Inc. for consideration of assistance in funding the Laramie County Sheriff's Office K9 Program with two trained K9 units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sandra Bay, or her successor in the position of Laramie County Grants Manager, is appointed as agent of the Laramie County Board of Commissioners to execute and submit applications and certifications for these funds and to receive funds and implement the programs funded under this grant.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troy Thompson, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Approved as to Form only By:

L.L. Hulse  
Laramie County Attorney's Office

Date: 3.20.23

## Sandra Newland

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**From:** no-reply@app.goodgrants.com on behalf of K9s4COPs <no-reply@app.goodgrants.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 1:20 PM  
**To:** Sandra Newland  
**Subject:** K9s4COPs Grant Application Received(Laramie County K9 Request)

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### K9s4COPs entry submitted

Dear Sandra,

Your grant application has been successfully submitted to K9s4COPs.

Your application will be reviewed by our team and, if further information is needed, a K9s4COPs team member will contact you. K9s are granted throughout the year and are determined based on need and if funding is available. If your agency is selected— you will receive a call from us and will be sent K9 grant acceptance paperwork that includes: a grant agreement to sign, agency contact information form, and a letter from your agency accepting the K9.

If you have not heard from us in one year from the application submission date, and your agency is still in need of a K9, please resubmit your application with any updated information. We are happy to answer any questions you have on the application process- please send any questions to [apply@k9s4cops.org](mailto:apply@k9s4cops.org) or call 936-825-9900.

**Entry name:** Laramie County K9 Request

**Category:** Law Enforcement Agency

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# Laramie County K9 Request



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## Application details

Organization Name: Laramie County Sheriff's Office

Street Address: 1910 Pioneer Ave.

City, State and Zip: Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

County: Laramie

Primary Contact for Questions on this Application: Lt. Jeffrey Lambing

Daytime Phone: 307-633-4761

E-mail Address: Jeffrey.Lambing@laramiecountywy.gov

Department's EIN: 83-6000111

How many POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) officers have dogs?

Five

Which law enforcement agency is requesting a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9)?

The Laramie County Sheriff's Department is requesting two K9's.

What is the name of the city or county making the request?

Laramie County, Wyoming

What is the population of the city, and/or county you will be patrolling?

100,863 entire county population. A large portion of this population resides in the Capital City of Cheyenne, which we respond and assist with mutual aid calls.

What are the square miles of the city and/or county you will be patrolling?

The Laramie County Sheriff's Office serves over 2,688 square miles.

Is there a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) unit in your law enforcement agency?

Yes, it has been in operation for 25 years and was started in 1998. Since 1998, the Department had had (15) K9's.

Is this request for a POLICE SERVICE DOG to launch a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) unit in your agency?

No

What is the size of your law enforcement agency?

The Laramie County Sheriff's Office houses both patrol and detention. We have 44 patrol deputies, 71 detention deputies and 44 civilian staff positions.

How many POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) officers in your unit?

Currently, we have 5 K9 Officers with two in line to receive a K9 partner.

What is the time frame dictating the need of the POLICE SERVICE DOG?

We have two K9s within the department that are scheduled to retire this year (2023). One is 9 years old and the other is 8.

Are there any neighboring agencies with POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) units? If so what is the distance?

Yes, the City of Cheyenne Police Department has three dual Purpose K9s located within the City of Cheyenne. The Wyoming Highway Patrol has 12 K9s that travel the State of Wyoming.

If you have a K9 unit, how much training time is allotted per month to train?

Following initial training, the new K9 team are then members of the National Police Canine Association (NPCA) where they receive their annual certifications required to perform their assigned duties. The NPCA mandates that each member K9 Team receive 16 hours of monthly training through their home departments to maintain their certifications; in addition to successfully passing the NPCA year certifications.

Has a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) ever died in your department for any other reason than in the line of duty or health or age?

No

Has your department raised funds for your K9 Unit? If so, how much?

No, our current K9 budget is limited to food, annual vet checkups, and certifications. We have six patrol vehicles that are specific for K9 units to include a protective K9 cage, full cargo boxes, and complete temperature monitoring components.

Would your department be willing to participate or put on your own fundraiser for K9s4COPs? We are happy to send more information to you on how to start a fundraiser for a K9.

No, legally our department cannot do fundraising to raise monies for a K9 Unit.

What discipline type of SINGLE purpose dog are you requesting?  
Please choose one:

Narcotics Detection

What discipline type of DUAL purpose dog are you requesting? Please choose one.

Patrol and Narcotics

Is your organization requesting assistance with the purchase of a green dog and your certified in-house trainer will do the training?

No

Are you requesting more than one (1) dog?

Yes, we would like to request 2 K'9s. We would like a single purpose narcotics dog (preferably a lab) and a second dual purpose narcotics patrol dog (Shepard or Belgian Malinois).

Does your organization have a preference for a particular breed? Explain the reason for the particular breed.

Yes, German Shepard or Belgian Malinois for dual purpose patrol dogs. In our 25 years of having a K9 program, we have preferred these breeds due to their high drive levels, temperaments, and longevity. For single purpose dogs, we are not opposed to other breeds, such as, Labrador Retrievers.

Do you have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or mandatory certification that the dog must have? Yes

If yes, please specify:

The Laramie County Sheriff's Office has a policy that governs the K9 Unit and we are members of the National Police Canine Association which dictates our mandatory certification requirements.

Do you have a medical and welfare system set up for patrol dogs?

Yes, we have a local veterinary clinic, (Tri-State Vet Clinic) that provides 24/7 coverage for all of the offices K9's. This includes not only routine checkups/vaccinations, but also emergency care if needed.

Does your organization provide for the financial expenses of patrol dog maintenance? If so, please explain.

Yes, our department has an annual budget of \$15,000 for the expenses associate with dog maintenance to include annual checkups, food and certifications.

Do you have equipment necessary for maintenance of the dog (i.e. leashes, collars, harnesses, crate, a built in cage for the car, heat alarm, etc.)?

Yes, we have all of the above for the requested K9.

Is your handler a full time, paid, commissioned peace officer with your department?

The selected handler will be a full time paid officer within the department.

How many years of law enforcement service does the handler possess?

A specific K9 handler has not been selected at this time. The process involves deputies that meet the minimum two-year in current position, off probationary status, letter of recommendation from Supervisor, and vetted through an oral board and testing regimen.

How many years of POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) Unit service?

See above, no handler has been selected at the time of the application.

What training or certifications does the handler hold?

Please see above, the handler will be certified with the K9.

What type of POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) handler program re-certifications do you attend?

The National Police Canine Association (NPCA).

What experience does the handler have working a dog on the street?

Please see above.

What type of dog has the handler worked with (single, dual, cadaver, etc.)?

Please see above.

There is also the need for maintenance or sustainment training. Please explain how your organization will provide for this continued training?

The Laramie County Sheriff's Office takes full responsibility and liabilities for maintenance and sustainment training. The requested K9 will be incorporated into the departments K9 Program and expenses will be added to the budget.

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## Additional Information

### Section 4 About Your Organization

*Please provide any additional details you believe would assist K9s4COPS in understanding your agency's need for patrol dogs.*

The Laramie County Sheriff's Office is responsible for a rural jurisdiction located in Wyoming. The Office was established when the region was under the Dakota Territory, later Wyoming was granted Statehood in 1890. Today the Laramie County Sheriff's Office is comprised of 115 sworn deputies divided into two divisions: Operations and Detention. We are located in the Southeast corner of the State of Wyoming with the major transportation hubs of I-80 and I-25 intersecting in Cheyenne, our Capital City. Our County is quickly growing due to the expansion and development of the Colorado Front Range to our South. With this growth brings changes to community policing efforts and interactions with the public. One such example is drug traffic, which is due directly to our location of the interstates and an even larger increase due to the legalization of Marijuana in the State of Colorado. Our county directly borders northern Colorado and I-25 merges the two states.

Total population of Laramie County per the 2021 census estimate is 100,863 and a large majority of that population resides within the City of Cheyenne. Our office serves over 2,688 square miles of rural county; this population is approximately 36,000 and includes the urbanized rural interface around Wyoming's Capital City of Cheyenne. Our office prides itself on community policing, our Mission Statement is: "The Laramie County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the community is dedicated to providing ethical and professional services that promote and protect the well-being, safety, and security of all people in the county; and to operating a safe constitutional jail system." Our office strives to uphold the mission that was envisioned to capture the comprehensive needs of the community we serve.

Our office is aware of the ever-changing dynamics of law enforcement and we strive to serve our community while protecting our deputies. In these uncertain times this goal becomes a challenge. In 1998, our office started a K9 program to assist in better serving the community, while increasing the strengths and abilities of our office. Since that time, for the past 25 years we have maintained the K9 program, with a collective of fifteen K9s.

To fully understand our request for two additional K9 units, it is important to provide background on our existing K9 program. The Laramie County Sheriff's office currently has five assigned K9s; three dual-purpose narcotics detection and two single purpose explosive detection dogs. We have Hilde, a nine-year-old Belgian Malinois that will be retiring this year. K9 Hilde is trained as a dual-purpose narcotics dog. Hilde was the result of the K9s 4 COPS grant application back in 2017 (thank you)! In 2022, K9 Hilde had over 100 deployments, these deployments varied from narcotic detection calls, tracks, building searches and she was also utilized during warrant execution operations.



K9 Arie is a six-year-old German Shepard who is trained as a dual-purpose narcotics dog. In 2022, K9 Arie had fifty-two deployments. Historically, K9 Arie has assisted in numerous high profile highway narcotic interdiction cases and has assisted in the seizure of hundreds of pounds of illegal narcotics in his career. Arie is currently decertified on patrol, due to a spine injury. Our third unit is K9 Tyr a five-year-old German Shepard trained in dual-purpose narcotics. K9 Tyr was deployed 79 times in 2022.

We have K9 Teca who is a Mal/Lab Mix single purpose explosive detection K9 funded by the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security. Teca is eight years old and will be retiring this year. K9 Teca is called out continuously to conduct protective sweeps for high-level dignitaries, to include requests from the US Secret Service for Presidential visits. K9 Teca is also utilized for every Explosive Ordinance Device (EOD) bomb call out. K9 Teca, along with her handler, are members of the National Police Canine Association and are certified to work nationally. Finally, we have K9 Arek, who is a two-year-old Belgian Malinois. He is a single purpose explosives detection dog that has been in service since July of 2022. As you can see, our K9 teams not only function within our Office boundaries, but also are Nationally Certified to work across agency borders and in surrounding States. It is also important to mention that since the inception of the K9 program, we have had no founded litigations or lawsuits resulting from the utilization of narcotics detection, criminal apprehensions, or explosive detection K9s.

The office K9 units are considered instrumental to the everyday law enforcement functions we provide. These K9s require extensive training and dedication to maintaining their capabilities. Our office has utilized both Vohne Liche Kennels and Alderhorst Kennels to procure our K9s. The training timeline is approximately seven weeks long; which includes the selected K9 handler attending in residence training. A K9 is matched with the handler and the handler will stay and attend the six week training program to receive their training/certifications with their new K9 partner. The National Police Canine Association (NPCA) mandates that each K9 team receive 16 hours of monthly training through their home departments to maintain certifications. Our office is prepared to contribute funding for the K9 maintenance to include certifications, annual vet checkups and food. We also assume responsibility for travel costs associated with the retention and training of new K9s.

With this dedication to training of our K9 units, our office has two deputies that are in-line to receive a K9 partner. We currently have six dedicated patrol vehicles that are custom fitted for a K9 team. These vehicles include a protective K9 cage, full cargo boxes, and complete temperature monitoring (Hot and Pop) components. Meaning when the preset hot and cold temperatures are reached, the system will automatically set off the patrol vehicle alarms to alert the handler that temperatures inside the vehicle have exceeded the present values entered by the handler. Our office is ready to implement new K9 units into our services and have prepared all of the necessary arrangements for the arrival of new K9s. The requested K9s will be replacing our two retiring K9s.





By adding an additional two K9 units to our squad, we will be able to increase officer safety. Dogs have the advantage of greater speed, and can be trained to stop fleeing or violent suspects. In using K9s, our office has an increased chance of locating missing and endangered persons in a timely manner by utilizing K9 tracking skills. K9 use directly correlates to an increased rate of apprehension of criminals in the community, as well as providing increased school safety for our youth.

Having two K9 unit's added to our office will allow us to have a K9 assigned to each patrol squad. A K9 can be utilized more effectively than 10 officers, they can travel and clear areas quicker, and provide keen tracking abilities. All of these qualities equate to a direct savings to our office on personnel costs. Having K9 units in the office has a positive effect on officer health and well-being by providing social and emotional support. One of the most appreciated aspects of K9s is their ability to provide a source of less-than-lethal force. Our K9 units are considered assets to the office and aid in a more efficient community policing effort. These dogs are versatile to meet the law enforcement needs, as well as the public need.

Our office utilizes K9 units to conduct public demonstrations to schools, businesses and professionals. We understand the importance of showing our community the value of having these specialized K9s helping us patrol the streets, focusing on criminal intervention and apprehension. Also these K9s decrease barriers in our interactions with the public, in particular children. Children gravitate towards the dogs and show a genuine curiosity, which opens up communication with law enforcement. K9 units make our community aware that our agency is doing everything it can to combat criminal activity, and warns those that commit crimes of their presence.

Our office fully comprehends the liabilities, qualities, and abilities associated with integrating K9 units into patrol activities. Our office has been successful at fully utilizing the strengths and commanding properties that these K9s provide. We find K9s valuable to our community policing efforts, and wish to expand our K9 force. We appreciate the past support of K9s 4 Cops Foundation and look forward to your review of this request.



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March 16, 2023

K9s4COPs  
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Houston, TX 77057

Dear K9s4COPs ,

I am writing this letter to support my organization's grant application to receive a police service dog(s) from the K9s4COPs foundation. I certify that our organization's grant application has been presented to me and that I am satisfied that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Our organization can provide for the financial expenses of a police service dog(s) and has the equipment and experience necessary for the support and maintenance of our granted dog(s). This includes expenses for annual checkups, food, housing, vehicle, training, and certifications.

I give the proposed K9s4COPs grant application for a police service dog(s) my fullest support. I sign this letter as an authorized official with the authority to represent my organization and accept liability for all representations made herein.

Please contact me at 307-633-4722 or [Brian.Kozak@laramiecountywy.gov](mailto:Brian.Kozak@laramiecountywy.gov) if I can be of any further assistance.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Kozak".

Brian Kozak  
Sheriff  
Laramie County Sheriff's Office