



## The Application Process

This application is a request for a police service dog that is brought before our Executive Board for consideration. This application process does not guarantee a police service dog will be placed with your organization. We take great care in our selection process to ensure the grant of a police service dog is being placed with an agency that has the financial capability to care of the police service dog and has the experience necessary to utilize this highly trained asset to the greatest extent possible.

K9s4COPs will follow up with your organization by email or phone for additional information and/or documentation to better evaluate your request.

Please complete the application and attach any letters or additional information you deem necessary to support your request to the email or address listed below.

**Email: [Apply@K9s4COPs.org](mailto:Apply@K9s4COPs.org)**

**Mail: K9s4COPs Inc.,  
3515 B Longmire Dr.  
Suite 342  
College Station, TX 77845**

**Phone: 936-825-9900**

All completed applications will be submitted for consideration to the Executive Board. K9s are granted on a quarterly basis. If your agency is chosen as a grant recipient, K9s4COPs will contact you and advise the next step in the process. If your department is not selected as a grant recipient, your application will remain on file for 18 months. After 18 months, we ask that you submit another application with up to date information.

For more details please check out the Grant Criteria page.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION:**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact for Questions on this Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Section 1 Law Enforcement Agency and Community

The following questions help our organization understand the agency and community requesting a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K-9).

- 1.) Which law enforcement agency is requesting a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9)?
- 2.) What is the name of the city or county making the request?
- 3.) What is the population of the city, and/or county you will be patrolling?
- 4.) What are the square miles of the city and/or county you will be patrolling?
- 5.) Is there a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) unit in your law enforcement agency?
  - A. If so, how long has the unit been operational?
- 6.) Is this request for a POLICE SERVICE DOG to launch a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) unit in your agency?
  - A. If so, does anyone with the agency have any past experience with K9 in law enforcement?  
Or where do you plan on receiving your initial training?
- 7.) What is the size of your law enforcement agency?
- 8.) How many POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) officers in your unit?
- 9.) How many POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) officers have dogs?
- 10.) What is the time frame dictating the need of the POLICE SERVICE DOG?
- 11.) Are there any neighboring agencies with POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) units? If so what is the distance?
- 12.) If you have a K9 unit, how much training time is allotted per month to train?
- 13.) Will your department provide a letter of support to K9s4COPS, outlining what they will provide for the K9 and the handler? For example food, housing for dog, vehicle equipment, training, or training time for the handler. Please submit with application.
- 14.) 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?
- 15.) Has your department raised funds for your K9 Unit? If so, how much?



## Section 2 Type of POLICE SERVICE DOG (K-9) Being Requested

We do not train K9s or accept dogs as donations. We do require award recipients to use our kennel(s) of choice when selecting their K9. Our kennel(s) of choice are able to provide a broad selection of K9s for our clients. Training will be through our kennel(s) of choice or through an approved provider, which has been vetted by members of our Advisory Board and approved by the Executive Board. We go through lengthy measures to ensure that recipients are satisfied with their K9 selections and they receive all necessary documentation including K9 health check-ups, required certifications and K9 passports.

All award recipients are required to make arrangements to obtain their K9 and complete the required training within 90 (ninety) days notification of award, otherwise the recipient will forfeit their award.

Although most agencies request dogs titled Single or Dual purpose dogs, to avoid confusion we have listed the different disciplines of training received through certification of credible vendors. Please keep in mind that this process is about selecting the right dog for the right job. One dog cannot do everything so please consider the basic needs of your community when selecting the training of your dog.

### **Definitions:**

A Single purpose dog is trained in one of the following disciplines:

1. Green Dog (untrained)
2. Imprinted with Scents
3. Patrol – trained in handler protection
4. Human odor, which is the ability to search missing people or suspects
5. Narcotics Detection
6. Explosives and Bomb Detection
7. Cadaver
8. Search and Rescue
9. Arson – Accelerant detection

A Dual purpose dog is trained in more than one discipline and they are the following:

1. Patrol and Narcotics
2. Patrol and Explosives

### Please Make Selection of Specific Needs for Your Community

1. What discipline type of **SINGLE** purpose dog are you requesting? Please choose one:
  - a. Patrol – may be trained in handler protection, or in human odor, which is the ability to search for people, missing, or suspects
  - b. Narcotics Detection
  - c. Explosives and Bomb Detection
  - d. Cadaver
  - e. Arson – Accelerant detection
  - f. Other (please explain)
2. What discipline type of **DUAL** purpose dog are you requesting? Please choose one.
  - a. Patrol and Narcotics



certified in-house trainer will do the training? If so, and there is a trainer with your agency. Please list experience and qualifications.

4. Are you requesting more than one (1) dog? If so, please list the disciplines each dog must have.
5. Does your organization have a preference for a particular breed? Explain the reason for the particular breed.
6. Do you have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or mandatory certification that the dog must have?
  - a. If yes, please specify:
  - b. If no, K9s4COPS recommends NNDDA (<http://www.nndda.org/>) certification. Is that acceptable?
7. Do you have a medical and welfare system set up for patrol dogs?
8. Does your organization provide for the financial expenses of patrol dog maintenance? If so, please explain.
9. 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.)?

### Section 3 Handlers and Trainers

Because we take great care in placing our POLICE SERVICE DOGS (K9) with qualified organizations, we want to ensure they will be cared for by experience certified handlers. Please tell us about your POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) handler's certifications and POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) experience.

- 1.) Is your handler a full time, paid, commissioned peace officer with your department?
- 2.) How many years of law enforcement service does the handler possess?
- 3.) How many years of POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) Unit service?
- 4.) What training or certifications does the handler hold?
- 5.) What type of POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) handler program re-certifications do you attend?
- 6.) What experience does the handler have working a dog on the street?
- 7.) What type of dog has the handler worked with (single, dual, cadaver, etc.)?
- 8.) There is also the need for maintenance or sustainment training. Please explain how your organization will provide for this continued training?



#### Section 4 About Your Organization

Please provide any additional details you believe would assist K9s4COPs in understanding your agency's need for patrol dogs.