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# Yamhill County Sheriff's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

**TO:** Sam Elliott, Sheriff 

**FROM:** November 27, 2024

**RE:** Request for Authority to Apply – USPCA/AKC Reunite K9 Cop 2025 Grant Application

As you may be aware, the Sheriff's Office is looking to add another K9 asset. In the current FY budget, we reserved \$5,000 towards the cost of the new K9 (110-4510043-99003), with the intention of reserving additional funds in FY2526. However, we have been presented with an opportunity that will allow us to utilize the funds set aside in the current year as a match for a grant and lower our overall expense for this purchase.

The United States Police Canine Association, Inc. (USPCA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC) have initiated a USPCA / AKC REUNITE K9 COP GRANT. For 2025, they will award no more than 100 grants and those grants will be funded on a 75%/25% split, with a maximum award of \$7,500. We would like to apply for one of the Region 23 available grants and identify \$2,500 of the reserved funds as our agency match. This would provide us a total of \$10,000 towards the purchase of the new K9.

Similar to the K9s4Cops sponsorship that we successfully applied for in 2022, there are very few requirements for this grant program. The program is limited to Law Enforcement agencies who are members of the USPCA, which we are, and we must agree to display the AKC Reunite car logo on the K9 vehicle. Additionally, we must notify the grant agency when we purchase an animal.

The applications are due in December, with approval to occur in January 2025, and funds dispersal to be received in March 2025.

I am happy to answer any of your questions at the Board meeting on December 5, 2024, and thank you for your consideration of this request.

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cc: Ken Huffer, County Administrator  
Justin Hogue, Deputy County Administrator

Approved by the Yamhill County Board of  
Commissioners on 12/5/24  
via Board Order 24-345