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Ohio Attorney General K-9 Grant
Notice of Funding Available
Application Due Date: December 1, 2026

Program Overview

The Ohio Attorney General's Office is launching the K-9 Grant Program to provide **Ohio Law Enforcement Agencies** funding that prioritizes establishing ***a special purpose canine unit for narcotics detection*.** If a canine unit for narcotics detection is established and funding is available, requests may be considered to purchase no more than one additional or replacement ***special purpose canine for narcotics detection***.

Any narcotics detection certification *must* include the certification for one or more opioid substances.

A total of up to $1,000,000.00 in grant funding will be awarded to no more than 20 successful applicants with a maximum award of $50,000.00.

Funding can support acquisition, training, certification, and deployment. Expenses beyond the grant's project period are the responsibility of the LEA.

The canine team will complete all required training and certification standards applicable to Ohio law enforcement canine units, as specified in the Ohio Administrative Code, including certification testing conducted by a certified evaluator.

Program Objectives

Canine deployment provides a proactive, evidence-based enforcement tool that increases the effectiveness of traffic enforcement, drug investigations, and search operations.

The canine unit will enhance interdiction efforts, support drug investigations, assist with search operations, and improve officer safety.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Entities

- Ohio Law Enforcement Agencies

- Law Enforcement Agencies must follow Ohio rules governing law enforcement narcotics-detection K-9 certification, specifically Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 109:2-7 | Law Enforcement Canine Units and Evaluators

Ineligible Entities

- Nonprofit organizations
- Individuals
- Private entities (e.g., businesses, community organizations, or social enterprises)

Grant Details

Total Funding Available

- $1,000.000.00

Awards

- Up to $50,000.00 per Ohio Law Enforcement Agency
- No more than 20 awards will be issued
- Matching funds are not required
- If awarded, funds will be dispersed in December 2026

Grant Period

- January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027

Funding Requirements and Restrictions

Grants are awarded solely at the discretion of the Ohio Attorney General, are non-transferable, and must be used by the awarded agency for the approved project.

Eligible grant items include:

- Canine acquisition
- Canine training and related travel costs
- Handler training and related travel costs
- Equipment and training aids
- Certification costs
- Vehicle kennel system and related safety equipment
- K-9 protective equipment
- Veterinary care and health services

Grant funding may not be used for the following:

- Administrative and overhead costs
- Staffing costs
- Political activities
- Construction projects
- Equipment or supplies other than items specific to the canine or handler duties

Reporting Requirements

Grantees must maintain accurate financial records and allow audits by the Attorney General's Office. Misuse of funds may result in repayment and exclusion from future programs.

The agency will evaluate the project by tracking and reporting the following:

- Number of deployments.
- Number of drug investigations assisted
- Number of search warrants supported.
- Quantity of illegal narcotics, specifically opioids, located.
- Number of arrests associated with canine deployments.
- Training and certification compliance rates.

A final fiscal and project report will be **due no later than January 31, 2028.**

Application Process

Submission Details

- Applications are due by **11:59 PM EDT on December 1, 2026**
- Complete all required sections below and submit via email
- **Applications must be submitted to GrantsManagement@OhioAGO.gov**
- A letter of support from the local or county official included in the application is required to be submitted at time of application
- Late or incomplete submissions may not be considered
- Questions can be sent to GrantsManagement@OhioAGO.gov

Application Requirements

Complete all the following required sections and submit via email to GrantsManagement@OhioAGO.gov no later than ***December 1, 2026, by 11:59 PM EDT.***

Please fill in the tables below; boxes will automatically expand to fit content.

Administrative Information	
Law Enforcement Agency:	
Address:	
City and Zip:	
County:	
Application for New, Expanded, or Replacement K-9 Unit:	
Anticipated or Preferred Training Location, if known or N/A:	

LEA Information	
Annual Operating Budget:	
Annual Capital Budget:	
Number of vehicles:	
Total employees (FTEs):	
Total sworn officers:	
Chief of Police:	
Time in position:	
Previous position:	

K-9 Deployment Information	
Previous experience with K-9 Unit (if applicable, or N/A):	
Current K-9 use (if applicable, include number of current canines and types of calls, or N/A):	
If there is no current unit, from which agency is K-9 assistance currently requested, or enter N/A:	
Confirm certification of K-9 grant will include **opioid narcotic detection:**	

Handler Information	
Preliminary estimate of officer interest in K-9 assignment:	
Anticipated method of selecting Handler:	
If have current unit, years of experience of current Handler or N/A:	

Grant Budget	
List Items Below	Amount Requested for Each Line Item
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Total Grant Amount Requested:	**$**

City/Town Approval Information	
Other than the Chief, who will approve the establishment of a new, expanded or replacement K-9 Unit (Mayor, Commission, etc.): **Letter of Support must be submitted at time of application.**	

Contact Information Individual must be eligible to submit the application on behalf of the LEA	
First name:	
Last name:	
Title or Rank:	

Email:	
Phone:	
Signature:	
Date:	