



TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma
Members of the City Council

FROM: Captain John Klug

DATE: October 24, 2018

SUBJECT: Rural Community Grant Fund - Bomb K9 Project

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend authorization to apply for and accept the Rural Community Grant for the purchase of a dual purpose police dog for the purpose of bomb detection and patrol work for the Minot Police Department.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Jason Olson, Chief of Police	857-4715
John Klug, Captain	857-9800

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Minot Police Department requests authorization to pursue \$19,396 in grant funding through the Rural Community Grant Fund for the purchase of an additional police K9 to be trained in the detection of explosives and police patrol work. This funding will pay for the purchase of the police dog, training and lodging for the new handler during training.

B. Proposed Project

The purchase of the explosive detection K9 would add an additional option to our current response to potential explosive threats in the Minot and surrounding communities. The K9 could also be used at large scale events to prevent potential explosive attacks on our community. The K9 would also be trained in general patrol work to include tracking. This would be the first explosive detection K9 deployed in the state of ND.

C. Consultant Selection

Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc. in Denver, Indiana will be used to supply the dog and training for the new K9. The police department already has two K9s through this kennel and staying with the same kennel allows for a standard and simplified process for renewal of certifications. Using the same vendor will also cut future costs for the recertification process.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

The addition of an explosives detection K9 will allow for the police department to respond to bomb threats in the community and start clearing the location of potential threats without relying on the Minot Air Force Base. The police department would maintain the current MOU with the MAFB in case additional support is needed from their K9 units.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

This addition would decrease the effective response time to explosive threats.

C. Fiscal Impact:

This grant will supply the funding needed to pay for the dog, miscellaneous supplies, training and lodging. The estimated cost for this project is \$19,384. Grant funds will be spent in 2019. No matching funds are required.

V. ALTERNATIVES

N/A

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

N/A

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

A. Rural Community Grant Fund – Application for Funding