



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/5/2021

File #: 21-1389

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Supplemental Budget and Fixed Asset line for Police Service Dogs (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the supplemental budget request to establish a fixed asset line in fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 in budget unit 1100-221110 K9 Program for the purchase of two Police Service Dogs (4/5 vote required).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

State Asset Forfeiture Trust 3642

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) would like to expand its canine ("K9") program to aid Sheriff Deputy's on patrol. Police Services Dogs (PSDs) are an invaluable asset and force multiplier for law enforcement. PSDs are not only an additional tool to assist and protect their handler, but PSDs are also used to assist in containing large incidents, searching for wanted suspects/fugitives, as a deterrent for resisting arrest and/or escape. Additionally, PSDs are an additional less than lethal force option, to assist law enforcement in overcoming resistance, preventing escape, and affecting arrests. Currently HCSO has one PSD and anticipates onboarding the second PSD in January 2022 and the third in June 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The purchase of each PSD is \$13,110. A supplemental budget using HCSO State Asset Forfeiture funds in the amount of \$26,220 is requested for two PSDs. As of Sept. 14, 2021 the HCSO State Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund 3642 has a balance of \$1,198,228.01. There is no additional General Fund request for this program expansion.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could deny the request, but this is not recommended. Adding additional PSDs to the K9 Program would benefit HCSO's efforts to protect and serve the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - K9 Supplemental Budget

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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