

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 725

By: Stewart of the Senate

and

Cantrell of the House

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10 [law enforcement canines - Grant Program - donations
11 - grants - Department of Environmental Quality -
12 rules - purpose - grant limits - codification -
13 effective date]

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17 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-122.4 of Title 47, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
22 fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated
23 the "Canine Cooperative Grant Program". The fund shall be a
24 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall

1 consist of all monies received from legislative appropriations,
2 private donations, and federal grant programs. All monies accruing
3 to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be
4 budgeted and expended by the Department of Environmental Quality for
5 the administration of the Canine Cooperative Grant Program.

6 B. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental
7 Quality is hereby directed to promulgate rules to create the Canine
8 Cooperative Grant Program to provide financial assistance for state,
9 county, and municipal law enforcement entities and fire departments
10 for acquisition and training of law enforcement canines, search,
11 rescue, and recovery canines, and medical expenses related to
12 injuries sustained while in the line of service; provided, canines
13 shall be trained in accordance with state law and agency standards
14 and shall be specifically allocated for law enforcement officers and
15 fire departments.

16 C. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental
17 Quality shall be authorized to retain five percent (5%) of the
18 proceeds of the fund, annually, to be used for administering the
19 program.

20 D. Subject to availability of funds, the program shall have the
21 following annual limits for grants:

22 1. Grants not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per
23 county sheriff for canine purchases or canine training;

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1 2. Grants not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per
2 municipal police department for canine purchases or canine training;
3 and

4 3. Grants not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per
5 fire department for canine purchases or canine training.

6 E. Subject to the availability of funds, the program shall also
7 make grants for the reimbursement of medical expenses for canines
8 injured in the line of service with a fire department or state,
9 county, or municipal law enforcement.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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