

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 725

By: Stewart of the Senate

and

Cantrell of the House

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10 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

11 An Act relating to law enforcement canines; creating
12 the Canine Cooperative Grant Program; allowing
13 legislative appropriations, private donations, and
14 federal grants; allowing certain expenditures by the
15 Department of Environmental Quality; providing for
16 promulgation of rules; providing purpose; allowing
17 certain fund retention; providing annual grant
18 limits; permitting certain medical reimbursements for
19 canines injured in the line of service; providing for
20 codification; and providing an effective date.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated
the "Canine Cooperative Grant Program". The fund shall be a

1 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
2 consist of all monies received from legislative appropriations,
3 private donations, and federal grant programs. All monies accruing
4 to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be
5 budgeted and expended by the Department of Environmental Quality for
6 the administration of the Canine Cooperative Grant Program.

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

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

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

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

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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