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November 4, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Safety to accept and expend funds from the 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program-Arson Canine, in the amount of \$25,000.00. This funding has been awarded to the Division of Fire Safety to obtain an ignitable liquid detection canine which are specially trained to help detect minute traces of ignitable liquids used in fires and can lead investigators to specific locations where physical samples can be taken for forensic laboratory analysis. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Intra-Agency Transfer.**

Funds are to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026 in the following account.

02-23-23-238010-69310000 Department of Safety, Fire Safety, Fire Safety Grants

	FY2026 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	SFY2026 Revised Adjusted Authorized
000-400338-16 Federal Funds	(\$90,772)		(\$90,772)
004-408189-68 Intra-Agency Transfers	(\$108,316)	(\$25,000)	(\$133,316)
Revenue Total:	(\$199,088)	(\$25,000)	(\$224,088)
020-500200 Current Expenses	\$50,188	\$25,000	\$75,188
030-500311 Equipment – General (New)	\$13,899		\$13,899
072-500574 Grants to Local Gov's-Fed	\$125,000		\$125,000
103-502664 Contracts for Operational Serv	\$10,000		\$10,000
Expense Totals	\$199,088	\$25,000	\$224,088

EXPLANATION

This funding request is to obtain an Ignitable Liquid (IGL) Detection Canine for the Division of Fire Safety. IGL Detection Canines possess exceptional scent discrimination abilities, making them uniquely qualified to detect the presence of ignitable liquids at fire scenes.

Accelerant detection canines are specifically trained to identify trace amounts of accelerants such as gasoline, lighter fluid, and other ignitable liquids that may have been used to start a fire. Each canine is partnered with a certified handler, forming a trained investigative team that lives and works together to assist in fire scene investigations.

These K9 teams serve as a vital tool in detecting the crime of arson. Through their specialized training, they can efficiently search multiple areas and layers of debris for evidence, reducing the number of samples that must be sent to the laboratory and thereby lowering costs. They are also capable of detecting ignitable liquids on individuals, clothing, and within confined or hard-to-reach areas, as well as identifying traces of accelerants that may go undetected by mechanical hydrocarbon detectors.

Upon successful completion of the K9 team's certification program, the Division of Fire Safety will assume responsibility for all associated ongoing costs, including annual recertification, veterinary care, food, and general upkeep. At the time of retirement, the canine will be relinquished to its assigned Fire Investigator handler to live out its remaining years as a family pet.

Class 020: Funds are available to fund grant awards to obtain the Ignitable Liquid (IGL) Detection K-9.

In the event that Intra-Agency Transfer Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

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October 23, 2025

Director Sean Toomey
Fire Marshal's Office
110 Smokey Bear Blvd
Concord, NH 03301

Re: 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program Award- Arson Canine

Dear Director Sean Toomey

It is my pleasure to inform you that upon review of your 2025 Homeland Security Grant Application, the *Fire Marshal's Office* has been awarded \$25,000. This grant award expires on **September 30, 2026**. There are no guarantees for funding beyond this time frame.

Enclosed also is your federal grant terms and conditions, lobbying certification, sub-recipient information reporting form and acceptance of audit requirement forms. All signature forms must be returned to the Grants Management Bureau within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter. In addition, this project must be implemented within 90 days following the grant award effective date or be subject to automatic cancellation of the grant. Failure to meet these requirements may result in a delay in reimbursement or cancellation of your grant award.

Additional information is also available at <https://www.dos.nh.gov/grants> We, at the Department of Safety, look forward to this opportunity to work diligently with local first responders, public safety officials, and other local and state officials and agencies to prepare and protect our citizens.

Sincerely,

Kelly Chapman

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Grants Administrator

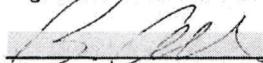
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