# FY12 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS
# Addendum

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**Agency Name: Collin County Sheriff's Office**
**Application title: Canine Deputy Grant**
**Application #:**

**AGENCY HISTORY (THIS SECTION WILL NOT BE SCORED):**

Location of Agency Headquarters:
Collin County Sheriff's Office
4300 Community Avenue
McKinney, Texas 75071

Mission Statement:

We, the men and women of the Collin County Sheriff's Office, believe that our fundamental duty is to serve and protect the citizens of Collin County with fairness, compassion, and respect.

We demand excellence in the quality of our law enforcement, stressing professionalism, integrity, and timeliness, so that those we serve may feel secure.

We provide equal enforcement and protection of the law without prejudice or favor.

We promote the setting of goals in partnership with the community, and prioritize and address problems based on the concerns of the community.

Committed to continuous improvement in law enforcement, we promote and utilize the most modern techniques available.

Experience in providing this service: Explain how your agency is qualified to provide this service.

The Collin County Sheriff's Office is a full service law enforcement agency that includes the responsibilities of patrol, criminal investigations, detention, warrants and civil process as well as other necessary law enforcement functions to the citizens of Collin County and the municipalities therein.

If this project is currently in existence in any capacity, how long has your agency been providing this service?

Collin County Sheriff's Office has been providing canine law enforcement services since 1990.

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**SECTIONS 1-7 ARE SCORED –**

1. ***PROBLEM STATEMENT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION (up to 25 points):*** *Describe the problem to be addressed by this project and its impact to the community you serve. Describe the target population. Describe the geographical "target area" to be served by the project.*

*If using supporting data, make sure it is relevant to the geographic target area served. NOTE: Data source(s) must be noted and verifiable.*

The Collin County Sheriff's Office is seeking financial assistance to increase the department's canine unit from one service dog to two service dog teams. We hope to add one additional canine team to the current single team in service presently.

In 2009, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated Collin County's population to be at approximately 791,631, a 61% increase from the 2000 U.S. Census of 491,675. The population estimates in unincorporated areas are near 100,000. Our manpower in patrol has not increased during this time, and we remain staffed equal to that in 2000. Because of these numbers, our patrol average response time to calls is over 24 minutes.

These response times are from Deputies assigned to a district encompassing several hundred square miles, alone. If a Deputy needs back up, another district deputy responds, with the back up response time being about the same as the primary deputy. This leaves Deputies vulnerable and is an extreme officer safety issue. Deputies with trained patrol dogs would be able to utilize the dogs as a back up until another deputy arrived.

Collin County has over 31 cities in it, 10 of which rely solely on the services of the sheriff's office for law enforcement response. 20 school districts are within the geographical boundaries of the county, as well as Collin College, a four year institute of higher learning.

The geographical area covered by the sheriff's office is approximately 886 square miles, 847 miles of land coverage, which is patrolled by a total of 27 patrol deputies, 3 patrol Sergeants and 3 patrol Lieutenants. Coverage is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year round. Currently, the sheriff's office has only one canine unit on patrol. The canine unit's time and effectiveness is stretched very thin, because of other community policing duties such as demonstrations for community groups and schools, and performing narcotic related searches for school districts. Adding training and maintenance time and the single canine unit's time in deterring crime and working patrol is significantly reduced.

In 2009, the Collin County Sheriff's Office single canine team performed 733 open air vehicle searches, 102 interior vehicle searches for a total of 835 vehicle searches. In addition, the unit conducted 74 building searches, tracked 16 fleeing suspects and was called out off duty 14 times.

In calendar year 2010, the sheriff's office single unit canine team performed 1209 vehicle searches, tracked 13 fleeing suspects, conducted 263 building searches and was able to respond to 24 call outs while off duty. The canine team also assisted the special operations unit in over 80 "sniffs" and the seizure of $88,533 in cash, 16.89 pounds of marijuana, 4 marijuana grow operations, .4 grams of Heroin, 133 grams of Methamphetamine, and 1,017 pills of MDMA (ecstasy).

Our "target area" is the entire County. The addition of a second canine team could double the results shown above.

**2. <u>GOAL STATEMENT (up to 5 points):</u>** *What is the benefit for the target population?*

The goal is to respond to 100% of all requests for canine within a 30 minute window regardless if that request is from our own Deputies or another city within Collin County.

3. ***PROJECT DESCRIPTION (up to 25 points):*** *Briefly summarize the project, and then in more detail describe the elements/activities/components of the project and how they contribute to the goal of the project. All budget line items will be explained in the description of your project.*

*EQUIPMENT ONLY: Describe how this equipment will be used: What does the equipment do? Who will use it? What training, if any, will be needed in order to implement this equipment? How often will the equipment be used? Describe the sequence of events/activities that will typically take place when your agency uses this equipment.*

Fund one patrol deputy (salary and fringe benefits only) to be trained in canine operations. With this position, the sheriff's office will be able to have a patrol/narcotics canine team on duty for 2 out of 3 shifts at least five days a week. They will be able to respond to patrol deputies and police officer's request for canine to include narcotics related searches, both on vehicles and buildings, track fleeing suspect's, clear building and track missing persons. The canine will act as a back up to his handler on traffic stops and other calls for service including disturbances and alarm calls. Further, they will be used for proactive enforcement on major interstate highways for drug interdiction, because of the large amount of bulk narcotics flowing through Collin County. Canine teams are also good community policing relationships with school districts, and humanitarian organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts by offering demonstrations and lectures to the advantages of canine use in law enforcement. The canine will provide back up support to surrounding larger police departments and will be relied on as the sole available canine by smaller police agencies.

This project has two separate components that will be requested on two separate grant requests. The first, this request, is the dog handler. It is important to have a deputy that can be assigned to K9 duty only. Requests for canine services come from many sources such as other Deputies, other Police Departments, schools, and the community at large. To respond to these requests will require a full time Deputy. The costs are shown below. There will be some additional uniform costs associated with the Deputy in excess of that shown below but these costs will be absorbed by our existing uniform budget and will be small.

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| Personnel (salary and benefits) | $76,421.00 |
| Equipment (mobile radio, uniforms, ballistic vest) | $3,579.00 |
| TOTAL FOR THIS PROJECT | $80,000.00 |

The second part of this request will be for the canine, canine training, and a canine transport/Patrol vehicle. This request and justification will be contained on a separate grant request.

The project will greatly improved the availability of the service dogs for deputy back up, narcotic searches, highway drug interdiction, criminal apprehension and building searches.

Collin County is a major thorough fare for commuter traffic as well as out of state traffic. Narcotics trafficking on major interstates that run through the county are a growing problem, especially because of the close proximity to Dallas, a long standing hub and mid-point destination of drug shipments from Mexico. Collin County has 2 major U.S. highways, 4 state highways, and the North Dallas Tollway and the George Bush Turnpike as well. Hundreds of pounds of illegal narcotics including methamphetamine, marijuana, and cocaine have been seized and confiscated on these roadways.

With the addition of the new canine deputy, the Collin County Sheriff's Office will be able to respond to increased number of off duty call-outs when a canine team is needed. Countless call out request in 2010 went unanswered due to the lack of availability. Having an additional canine deputy will increase narcotics seizures, especially with an emphasis on large loads of drugs on major roadways.

Additionally, the current canine unit is approximately 8 years old, and near retirement. Having an additional canine deputy would keep us operational while we replace the current canine team with county funds.

The Collin County Sheriff's Office is attempting to increase canine presence within the county, utilizing the teams on patrol, in special operations, drug interdiction and drug warrant execution, criminal apprehension, provide back up to the deputies, and track on the run violent offenders. The canine deputy will be available and trained to handle situations arising in public schools as well, such as active shooter responses and narcotics violations, both increasing problems in society.

The project will aim to certify the deputy/canine with the United States Police Canine Association, which holds the highest standards in training and record keeping of police dogs in the country. The sheriff's office will train with other police canine units from agencies in and around Collin County, and will be available to assist them in canine functions as needed. If established, the sheriff's office will enact an updated standard operating procedure for the canine unit to cover all three teams, and will be overseen by an Operations Lieutenant.

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**5. *PROGRAM EVALUATION (up to 5 points):*** *Describe the collection, analysis and use of project outputs and outcomes generated in the eGrants system to assess the success of the project.*

Canine calls for service will be traced by call type, such as vehicle search, building search, track, and agency assist. All calls for service will be entered and gathered by our CAD and Integrated Computer Systems software. Outcomes will be measured to determine call load for each canine, peak call out times and shifts, success rate for call type, most utilized call type, and community policing hours. Data analysis will be done quarterly by Lieutenant's review of data. The Operations managers evaluation of outcomes and data will be used to determine how the canine is best being utilized and make adjustments in shifts, hours, or training practices as necessary. All statistics will be published monthly and summarized yearly.

**6. *AGENCY COLLABORATION (up to 5 points):*** *In the table below, list no more than (10) of the most important collaborations that your agency has with other entities in order to carry out **this** project.*

| Agency name | Describe how agency assists with **this** project. | Contact person name |
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| Farmersville Police Department | The Collin County Sheriff's Office assist several smaller police department's including Farmersville PD that do not have adequate manpower in many situations. They rely on the sheriff's office as back up and rely on our resources. A canine would not only benefit the citizen's of rural Collin County, but would benefit the citizen's of Farmersville as well. | Chief Mike Sullivan |
| Princeton Police Department | The Collin County Sheriff's Office assist several smaller police department's including the Princeton Police Department that do not have adequate manpower or a canine They rely on the sheriff's office as back up and rely on our resources. A canine would not only benefit the citizen's of rural Collin County, but would benefit the citizen's of Princeton as well. | Interim Chief Waters |
| Melissa Police Department | The Collin County Sheriff's Office assist several smaller police department's including the Melissa Police Department that do not have adequate manpower or a canine. They rely on the sheriff's office as back up and rely on our resources. A canine would not only benefit the | Chief Duane Smith |

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| | citizen's of rural Collin County, but would benefit the citizen's of Melissa as well. | |
| Anna Police Department | The Collin County Sheriff's Office assist several smaller police department's including Anna that do not often have adequate manpower or a working police canine to handle certain situations. They rely on the sheriff's office as back up and rely on our resources. A canine would not only benefit the citizen's of rural Collin County, but would benefit the citizen's of Anna as well. | Chief Kenny Jenks |
| Lavon Police Department | The Collin County Sheriff's Office assist several smaller police department's including Lavon that do not often have adequate manpower or a working police canine. They rely on the sheriff's office as back up and rely on our resources. A canine would not only benefit the citizen's of rural Collin County, but would benefit the citizen's of Lavon as well. | Chief Jason Rector |
| Celina Police Department | The Collin County Sheriff's Office assist several smaller police department's including Celina Police that do not have adequate manpower or a working canine in many situations. They rely on the sheriff's office as back up and rely on our resources. A canine would not only benefit the citizen's of rural Collin County, but would benefit the citizen's of Celina as well. | Chief Mike Williams |
| All Collin County Law enforcement agencies | Memorandum of Understanding in place that the canine will be available to any agency within Collin County requiring the assistance of said canine. | Chief of Police or designee |
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7. ***PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS (up to 5 points):*** *For grant-funded staff (including any contracted services): provide title, indicate new or existing position, name of staff. Describe the experience, education, and knowledge required of the grant-paid position and appropriateness of "fit" with the project goal and activities.*

***EQUIPMENT ONLY PROJECTS:*** *Who is project manager, role in purchase and implementation? What are qualifications of those using the equipment?*

| Title | New/Existing Position (N or E) | Name | *PERSONNEL PROJECTS: Experience/education/knowledge required of grant-paid position (not of the person currently in that position). EQUIPMENT ONLY PROJECTS: Who is project manager, role in purchase and implementation? What are qualifications of those using the equipment?* |
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| Deputy Sheriff Canine Handler | N | TO BE DETERMINED | Certified, trained peace officer off of probation with at least 2 years patrol experience. |
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