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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Steven R. Smagula, Deputy Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Stanton Foundation K9 Establishment Grant

Recommendation - Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to accept and appropriate \$51,900 in unmatched funding from the Stanton Foundation K9 Establishment Grant program.

Background – During the past several years, the Police Department has desired to reestablish a patrol K9 program. The successes of Police K9 Units have been well documented across the country with their unique abilities to efficiently scent and locate contraband, crime scene evidence, perpetrators of crimes, and missing persons.

The Stanton Foundation K9 Establishment Grant program was founded in 2013 and provides funding to cover start-up costs associated with new K9 programs of municipalities throughout New England. The grant funding is used for acquiring a police dog, associated dog training costs, and related equipment costs. The grant will consist of an upfront lump sum payment of \$32,000 followed by \$19,900 in reimbursement funding after the successful completion of a canine training academy.

Discussion – This grant will allow the Concord Police Department to reestablish its Patrol K9 Unit program in the most cost-effective manner. This funding will cover the start up costs associated with this program while allowing the Police Department to greatly improve their ability to respond to in progress crimes where the perpetrator(s) or other persons are still in the area and need locating. The Patrol K9 Unit will greatly improve the efficiency in locating perpetrator of crimes, missing persons, narcotics, and other evidence/contraband.

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