



2017 Vancouver Police Foundation Grant Application



Please Note: Applications involving equipment, computers and computer-related programs shall be presented to the Equipment and / or IT Committees prior to being reviewed by your chain of command.

- The Chair of the Equipment Committee is Inspector Vince Forsberg, who can be reached at (604) 717-3075.
- Any inquiries regarding computers can be made to Kathy Wunder, in IT, who can be reached at (604) 717-2618.

1. Contact Information

DATE March 1, 2017		
MAIN CONTACT NAME Applicant's Name	UNIT / DEPT. Victim Services	EMAIL Applicant.name@email.com
TEAM MEMBERS (CO-APPLICANTS) 1. Applicant's Team Partner	UNIT / DEPT. Victim Services	EMAIL(S) Partner.name@email.com
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STREET ADDRESS 2120 Cambie Street	ADDRESS LINE 2	
CITY/REGION Vancouver	PROVINCE BC	POSTAL CODE V5Z 4N6

2. Grant Information

NAME OF PROGRAM/EQUIPMENT YOU ARE REQUESTING FUNDING FOR: Trauma Dog Program	AMOUNT REQUESTED \$8000.00			
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A RECIPIENT OF A VANCOUVER POLICE FOUNDATION GRANT?	YES	NO X		
IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE YEAR:	YEAR			
PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY ON THE NEED FOR THE PROGRAM / EQUIPMENT (100 WORDS OR LESS):				
<p>The Victim Services Unit has successfully applied to obtain a Canine Assisted Intervention Dog (Trauma Dog). This dog was fully trained by the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS). PADS is accredited through Assistance Dogs International (ADI) which adheres to the highest caliber of training standards available. Research has shown the psychological benefits of animals to vulnerable individuals with depression, stress and anxiety. The addition of a Trauma Dog in the Victim Services Unit will support the work of the victim services personnel, and provide support to victims & witnesses.</p>				
WHICH OF THE FOUNDATION'S GRANT CRITERIA DOES THE PROPOSAL ADDRESS?	YOUTH PROGRAMS	MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS	COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT X	TECHNOLOGY & SPECIAL EQUIPMENT



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3. VPD Related Information & Approvals

HAS THIS PROGRAM / EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH THE VPD BUDGET? *		YES	NO
			X
IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE YEAR:		YEAR	
WHICH OF THE VPD'S 2017 – 2021 STRATEGIC GOALS CATEGORIES WILL BE SUPPORTED IF THE FUNDING IS GRANTED?	ENGAGE COMMUNITY	ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY	FIGHT CRIME
	X		
COMMANDING OFFICERS APPROVALS Please Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A Signature is not required.</u> Please type the name of the Inspector/Manager and Deputy Chief Constable who have approved the application. • When obtaining approvals, please ensure Chain of Command. 			
COMMANDING OFFICER/MANAGER APPROVING THIS REQUEST: Inspector of the Department's Name		APPROVAL DATE March 1, 2017	
NAME OF DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE APPROVING THIS REQUEST: Deputy Chief Constable of the Department's Name		APPROVAL DATE March 1, 2017	

4. Supporting Documentation

PLEASE ENCLOSE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION SUPPORTING YOUR APPLICATION:

We will only accept additional documentation in an electronic format submitted via email. All supporting material must NOT exceed four (4) pages. The following are examples of supporting documents:

- Background / Success to date
- Need for program / Project / Equipment
- Success and specific impact measurers (i.e. # of people served, objectives reached)
- Budget and use of funds
- Timeframe
- Other considerations / conclusion
- Photos
- Quotes

ADDITIONAL LINKS OR URL(S)

www.pads.ca
<http://deltapolice.ca/services/victimservices/trauma-k9/>
<http://www.reginapolice.ca/2015/06/regina-meet-merlot/>

Questions

Any questions about grants should be directed by April 14, 2017 to Martina Meckova, Executive Director, Vancouver Police Foundation at mmeckova@vancouverpolicefoundation.org or (604) 717-3715. If you have any questions or require technical assistance, please contact (604) 717-3700.

Electronic Submission

Deadline for applications is April 21, 2017.

Please email an electronic copy of this application and supporting documentation to info@vancouverpolicefoundation.org



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Trauma Dog Program

Background

The VPD Victim Services Unit is in the process of obtaining a Canine Assisted Intervention Dog or Trauma Dog, to the Unit. These Trauma Dogs have been used for some time in the U.S. and there are approximately 50 CAI Dogs at work in the country.

Over the past decades in Canada, there has been recognition that there is a need to support victims of crime, particularly in crisis response at the time of the incident or shortly thereafter. There are currently 7 Trauma Dogs deployed in Canada in Victim Services Units in Delta Police, Calgary Police, Camrose Police Service, Regina Police Service, Moose Jaw Police, Saskatchewan Regional Victim Service Team, and the RCMP detachment in Bonnyville.

Delta Police Victim Services Unit received the first Trauma Dog (Caber) in a Victim Services setting in Canada. In 2013 Caber became Canada's first courthouse dog. He attends Crown Counsel pre-trial interviews and sits with victims in the witness box while they testify. Caber is also trained by the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS) in Burnaby.

Our Unit has obtained approval from the VPD Executive to obtain and utilize a Canine Assisted Intervention dog through PADS and we are on the wait list for our dog.

Research on the use of Trauma Dogs

Research has shown that the bond between humans and animals create a unique connection that provides both physiological and psychological benefits including:

- Capacity to reduce blood pressure and anxiety
- Provide cathartic and healing touch
- Encourage and promote healthy communication
- Diffuse extreme and troubling emotions

There are studies which have shown the psychological benefits of support dogs to vulnerable individuals in areas such as depression, stress and anxiety. (Francis et al. 1985; Siegal 1990, Kanamori et al. 2001; Barker and Dawson 1998; Beck et al 1986; Davis 1988). There have also been studies on the role of dogs in therapy for victims of child sexual and physical abuse and on patients with post-traumatic stress disorder (Dietz et al. 2012; Lefkowitz et al. 2005).

“Put simply, animals may be able to calm people down and can have a positive impact on their emotions. The presence of such an animal can divert attention away from what is causing the stress and/or anxiety” (Leaser 2005, 955) according to the Department of Justice – Victims of Crime Research Digest (issue no. 7).



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Benefits to Victims of Crime and Trauma

Our Trauma Dog Program is a great opportunity to provide creative care to traumatized individuals. The Trauma dog will support the work of the victim services personnel as required. It may be deployed at the scene of a crime, at the hospital, or at any of the police facilities, to help calm a victim or witness to enable him/her to provide a statement, or just talk about what has happened.

Our Victim Services Unit is one of the busiest in Canada and we are always looking at the current trends in the care of traumatized victims and witnesses. A Trauma Dog could make a difference to our most vulnerable clients in many types of incidents. For example, in cases of sudden deaths, there is often considerable time spent supporting families while waiting for the Coroner to attend. The presence of a Trauma dog on scene could assist with diffusing intense emotions and providing calm and comfort to both adults and children. Police incidents such as bank robberies, workplace incidents or completed suicides in public places can be very challenging to manage, due to the presence of multiple victims and witnesses. Trauma dogs have been proven to be very effective in group settings by providing a calm distraction, particularly when witnesses must remain on scene to provide statements.

Financial Obligations

Due to the huge expense of training the dog (almost 2 yrs. and thousands of dollars), the PADS organization requires that the dog be used for its specific purpose when working, and that the commitment of the host agency be a long term one for the working life of the dog. The dog remains the property of PADS so that it may be removed if it is abused or not used for the purpose it was trained for. However, the care and maintenance of the dog would be the responsibility of the VPD's Victim Services Unit.

We are seeking a VPF donation of \$8,000 for a 2 year period. Besides startup costs to cover items such as leashes, dog beds, harnesses, grooming tools, etc., there is the ongoing expenses of keeping a dog. We predict that our yearly costs would be approximately \$1,400 to maintain the dog with food, vet bills, grooming, etc.

Expense	Estimated Cost
Startup costs: dog beds, leashes, harnesses, grooming tools, etc.	\$2,000.00
Ongoing yearly expenses: food, vet bills, grooming, etc.	\$1,400.00
Estimate for first year	\$3,400.00



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Additional Material



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