



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** January 23, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider authorizing the purchase and payment of a German Shepard Police canine from McDonough K-9

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### BACKGROUND:

Highly skilled and trained teams of handlers and canines are used to supplement law enforcement operations to locate individuals, contraband and to apprehend criminal offenders.

Grand Rapids Police Department has an extremely strong, successful history of utilizing police canines. For over the past twenty-five (25) years Grand Rapids Police Department has had canine units that have been frequently and successfully deployed in traditional law enforcement scenarios. The past canines were also extensively used in public gatherings, community presentations and canine demos. The abilities of a canine unit to advance police relations with the community is unmeasurable. GRPD plans to leverage this to the max.

Attached you will find a proposal from McDonough K-9 in the amount of \$16,500. This amount covers the purchase of the canine along with the twelve-week training of both the canine and GRPD Officer Justin Edmundson. Based on research conducted by police department leadership, we are most confident in moving forward and utilizing McDonough K-9.

Total Purchase Price	\$16,500
USPCA Grant	\$7,500
Forfeiture Fund	\$9,000

### REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion authorizing the purchase and payment of a German Shepard Police canine from McDonough K-9.