

## City of Lawton

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## **Legislation Text**

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## **ITEM TITLE:**

Consider approving a request allowing Lawton Police Department to submit an application for the Vested Interest in K9's Vest Recipient Program; and if awarded, approve the acceptance of said vests for K9 use.

**INITIATOR:** James T. Smith, Police Chief

STAFF INFORMATION SOURCE: Ulysses Henderson, Captain

**BACKGROUND:** The Lawton Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our officers, including our dedicated K9 unit. The Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. - K9 Vest Recipient Program offers an opportunity to enhance the protection of our K9 officers by providing them with ballistic vests at no expense to the department. These vests are specifically designed to safeguard our K9s from potential threats, ensuring their safety in the line of duty. This charitable initiative aims to provide law enforcement agencies with the necessary equipment to protect their canine partners. The program is funded through donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. Law enforcement agencies may apply to receive these vests for their K9s at no cost. Lawton Police Department is seeking approval to apply and accept said vests, if awarded.

**EXHIBIT:** K9 Vest Recipient Application

**KEY ISSUES:** N/A

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Vested Interest in K9's, Inc

**STAFF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:** Approve a request allowing the Lawton Police Department to apply for the K9 Vest Recipient Program; and if awarded, approve the acceptance of said vests for K9 use.