

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

A resolution accepting a grant from State Farm to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Nashville Fire Department, for the acquisition and training of an accelerant detection canine team.

WHEREAS, State Farm has awarded a grant, with an estimated value not to exceed \$25,000.00 with no cash match required, to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Nashville Fire Department, for the acquisition and training of an accelerant detection canine team, a copy of which grant is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the grant by and between State Farm, with an estimated value not to exceed \$25,000.00, and The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Nashville Fire Department, for the acquisition and training of an accelerant detection canine team, a copy of which grant is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the amount of this grant be appropriated to the Nashville Fire Department based on the revenues estimated to be received and any match to be applied.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

INTRODUCED BY:

DocuSigned by:

*Kevin Crumbo*

Kevin Crumbo, Director  
Department of Finance

*Kymoné Brown*  
*Jenny Earle*

Member(s) of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

DocuSigned by:

*Phyllinda Ramsey*

Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

## GRANT SUMMARY SHEET

**Grant Name:** State Farm Arson Dog Program 21-21

**Department:** FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Grantor:** STATE FARM

**Pass-Through Grantor  
(If applicable):**

**Total Award this Action:** \$25,000.00

**Cash Match** \$0.00

**Department Contact:** Leigh Anne Burtchaell  
862-6364

**Status:** CONTINUATION

**Program Description:**

NFD was awarded a \$25,000 scholarship to the State Farm Arson Dog Program. NFD did not apply for this scholarship. Upon successful completion of the all expenses paid 4 week training program, NFD will receive a certified Arson Dog. The training begins April 4, 2021.

**Plan for continuation of services upon grant expiration:**

Expenses will be funded through NFD operating budget.

### Grants Tracking Form

Part One

Pre-Application <input type="radio"/> Application <input type="radio"/> Award Acceptance <input checked="" type="radio"/> Contract Amendment <input type="radio"/>				
Department	Dept. No.	Contact	Phone	Fax
FIRE DEPARTMENT	032	Leigh Anne Burtchaell	862-6364	214-3680
<b>Grant Name:</b>	State Farm Arson Dog Program 21-21			
<b>Grantor:</b>	STATE FARM	<b>Other:</b>		
<b>Grant Period From:</b>	03/09/21	<small>(applications only) Anticipated Application Date:</small>		
<b>Grant Period To:</b>	06/30/21	<small>(applications only) Application Deadline:</small>		
<b>Funding Type:</b>	CORPOR	<b>Multi-Department Grant</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>→ If yes, list below.</b>		
<b>Pass-Thru:</b>		<b>Outside Consultant Project:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Award Type:</b>	OTHER	<b>Total Award:</b> \$25,000.00		
<b>Status:</b>	CONTINUATION	<b>Metro Cash Match:</b> \$0.00		
<b>Metro Category:</b>	Est. Prior.	<b>Metro In-Kind Match:</b> \$0.00		
<b>CFDA #</b>	N/A	<b>Is Council approval required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Project Description:</b>	Applic. Submitted Electronically? <input type="checkbox"/>			
NFD was awarded a \$25,000 scholarship to the State Farm Arson Dog Program. NFD did not apply for this scholarship. Upon successful completion of the all expenses paid 4 week training program, NFD will receive a certified Arson Dog. The training begins April 4, 2021.				
<b>Plan for continuation of service after expiration of grant/Budgetary Impact:</b> Expenses will be funded through NFD operating budget.				
<b>How is Match Determined?</b>				
<b>Fixed Amount of \$</b>		or	<b>% of Grant</b>	<b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Explanation for "Other" means of determining match:</b>				
<b>For this Metro FY, how much of the required local Metro cash match:</b>				
<b>Is already in department budget?</b>		<b>Fund</b>	<b>Business Unit</b>	
<b>Is not budgeted?</b>		<b>Proposed Source of Match:</b>		
<b>(Indicate Match Amount &amp; Source for Remaining Grant Years in Budget Below)</b>				
<b>Other:</b>				
<b>Number of FTEs the grant will fund:</b>	0.00	<b>Actual number of positions added:</b>		0.00
<b>Departmental Indirect Cost Rate</b>	29.54%	<b>Indirect Cost of Grant to Metro:</b>		\$7,385.00
<b>*Indirect Costs allowed?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<b>% Allow.</b>	0.00%	<b>Ind. Cost Requested from Grantor:</b>	\$0.00 <b>in budget</b>
<small>*(If "No", please attach documentation from the grantor that indirect costs are not allowable. See Instructions)</small>				
<b>Draw down allowable?</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Metro or Community-based Partners:</b>				

Part Two

Grant Budget

Budget Year	Metro Fiscal Year	Federal Grantor	State Grantor	Other Grantor	Local Match Cash	Match Source (Fund, BU)	Local Match In-Kind	Total Grant Each Year	Indirect Cost to Metro	Ind. Cost Neg. from Grantor
Yr 1	FY21			\$25,000.00				\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yr 2	FY									
Yr 3	FY									
Yr 4	FY									
Yr 5	FY									
<b>Total</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Date Awarded:</b>				03/09/21	<b>Tot. Awarded:</b>		\$25,000.00	<b>Contract#:</b> N/A		
<b>(or) Date Denied:</b>					<b>Reason:</b>					
<b>(or) Date Withdrawn:</b>					<b>Reason:</b>					

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From: Hutchison, Lawrence (NFD) [Lawrence.Hutchison@nashville.gov]  
To: Burtchaell, Leigh Anne (NFD-ADM) [LeighAnne.Burtchaell@nashville.gov]  
Subject: Fwd: State Farm Arson Dog Program Scholarship notification - April 2021 class  
Sent: Tue 3/9/2021 8:45 AM GMT-08:00  
Importance: Normal

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From: Heather Paul <heather.paul.jaw8@statefarm.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:54 AM  
To: Hutchison, Lawrence (NFD)  
Cc: 'Paul and Wendy Gallagher (mainek9@aol.com)'  
Subject: State Farm Arson Dog Program Scholarship notification - April 2021 class

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March 9, 2021

Fire Marshal Lawrence Hutchison  
Nashville Fire Department

Fire Marshal Hutchison:

Congratulations! Your department has been selected to receive a scholarship for the State Farm® Arson Dog Program in 2021. State Farm and Maine Specialty Dogs would like to invite you to participate in the spring class scheduled for April 5-30, 2021 in Concord, New Hampshire. We understand that the Nashville Fire Department is finalizing the handler who would attend training should the City of Nashville accept the scholarship.

The State Farm scholarship includes all training fees, acquisition of the dog and lodging during the training, food during training for the dog and handler, certification, and transportation expenses to and from the training facility in Concord, NH. The estimated value of this scholarship is \$25,000. State Farm will assist you and your department with travel arrangements. Information on travel assistance and details of the arson dog school will be sent once class attendance are confirmed.

If the handler decides to fly to and from training, the airlines will require a letter on the City of Nashville or Fire Department letterhead stating the dog and handler are a working canine team with the Nashville Fire Department and they are on official duty. This will allow the dog to fly in cabin with the handler on the airplane instead of cargo.

As stated in the application, once the team graduates from the school, yearly maintenance, care and upkeep of the K-9 is the responsibility of the department. This would include yearly recertification training. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the training, the scholarship, re-certifications or need any other information regarding the program.

Please confirm your acceptance of the scholarship by March 19, 2021. Additional information about the class and arranging for travel to training will be sent out once we have received your acceptance.

I can be reached by e-mail at [heather.paul.jaw8@statefarm.com](mailto:heather.paul.jaw8@statefarm.com) <<mailto:heather.paul.jaw8@statefarm.com>> or by phone at (309) 766-0922 if you have any questions. You can also review information at the website - [www.arsondog.org](http://www.arsondog.org) <<http://www.arsondog.org>> .

Congratulations again and we are looking forward to working with you and your department!

cc Paul Gallagher - Owner and Head Trainer, Maine Specialty Dogs

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## State Farm® Arson Dog Program Quick Facts

### Key Messages

- Arson is a very serious problem as each year hundreds of lives are lost and millions of dollars in property damage occurs as a result of arson. It is important that law enforcement officials have every tool possible to combat this costly and sometimes deadly crime.
- Public education on arson, arson investigation and fire prevention through community outreach programs is essential to providing safer communities.
- State Farm's sponsorship of this program parallels with the values and characteristics it strives for as a good corporate citizen and is a perfect complement to State Farm's good neighbor values.
- Arson dogs can help fire investigators or law enforcement find evidence of arson crime quickly.
- Using their super strong noses, arson dogs are trained to point out where there is evidence that a fire has been started on purpose. Evidence can be gasoline, oil, or many other types of fuels that can start a fire.
- More information can be found by visiting [www.arsondog.org](http://www.arsondog.org).

### Arson Dog Program Facts

- Program was established in conjunction with the Maine State Police and the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 1993 through the sponsorship of State Farm.
- Over the past 25 years, more than 400 teams have been trained and placed in 45 states, District of Columbia and Canada through the State Farm Arson Dog Program.
- As of April 2018, there are over 100 certified arson dog teams trained through the State Farm Arson Dog Program in service. These teams investigate fire scenes to find evidence of possible arson across North America.
- The K9s are all Labrador Retrievers or Goldadors (Lab x Golden Retriever mix) because:
  - Labs have a superior ability to discriminate scents at a fire scene (the nose of a lab can smell in parts per quintillion!).
  - Labs generally have a good disposition and an outgoing personality.
  - Labs are very active and have a "love to work" type attitude.
- K-9s are chosen through a cooperative program with guide dog and disability assistance canine organizations, as well as through local animal shelters and humane societies.
- K9s are trained using the food reward method, meaning the dogs only eat from the hand of their handler when they are training or working a fire scene. They never eat from a dog bowl!
- K9s live and retire in the home of their handler.
- K9s are trained by Maine Specialty Dogs and are certified through the Maine State Criminal Justice Academy. The K-9s and handlers are required to complete 200 hours/ four weeks of training.
- Teams (K9s and handlers) are required to be recertified every year to remain a certified Accelerant Detection Canine team.



## Did you know?

- Since 1993, the State Farm Arson Dog Program have placed teams in 3 Canadian provinces, 45 states and the District of Columbia. Only five U.S. states haven't had a dog trained through the program: Nevada, Alaska, Connecticut, Vermont, and South Dakota.
- Honolulu Fire Department will get their first arson dog team in 2018 and will be training in the 50<sup>th</sup> class for the State Farm Arson Dog Program. Honolulu is also the capital of Hawaii, the 50<sup>th</sup> state.
- The northern-most team trained through the State Farm Arson Dog Program is near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. That team has even traveled north of the Arctic Circle to investigate fires!
- Paul Gallagher, owner and head trainer of Maine Specialty Dogs, has been training all of the arson dog teams for the State Farm Arson Dog Program since the first class in February 1993. And he is allergic to dogs!
- The State Farm Arson Dog Program has trained new arson dog teams every year for a quarter of a century. It is the longest continuous arson dog training program in North America.
- Three State Fire Marshal Offices have been involved with the State Farm Arson Dog Program since the first year in 1993 – New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office, Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office, and Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Paul Gallagher was the first arson dog handler for the State of Maine as a trooper with the Maine State Police. His partner, K9 Maddie, passed away at the age of 18.
- In 2016, State Farm paid nearly \$2.5 BILLION for residential and commercial fire-related claims (45,757 claims). The average paid per claim was \$54,531.

## Superhero powers...SMELL!

- Dogs possess up to 300 million olfactory receptors in their noses, compared to about six million in us.
- The part of a dog's brain that is devoted to analyzing smells is 40 times greater than humans.
- We might notice if our coffee has had a teaspoon of sugar added to it but a dog could detect a teaspoon of sugar in a million gallons of water, or two Olympic-sized pools.
- When an arson dog smells gasoline or evidence at a fire, they sit down and point to it with their nose...even if it is buried under burnt debris or has been soaked in water!



**SIGNATURE PAGE  
FOR**

**GRANT NO. 2021 State Farm Arson Dog Program**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

**METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF  
NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**

DocuSigned by:

**William Swann**

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Director – Chief  
Fire Department

3/9/2021

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Date

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY  
OF FUNDS:

DocuSigned by:

*Kevin Crumbo*

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Kevin Crumbo, Director  
Department of Finance

3/10/2021

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Date

APPROVED AS TO RISK AND INSURANCE:

DocuSigned by:

*Balogun Collo*

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Director of Insurance

3/10/2021

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Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY:

DocuSigned by:

*Phylinda Ramsey*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Metropolitan Attorney

3/10/2021

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Metropolitan Clerk

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