

# Ste. Genevieve R-II School District

## Emotional Support / Narcotics Detection K-9 Program

### Proposed Budget

#### Purpose

The purpose of this budget proposal is to outline the estimated startup and annual operating costs associated with establishing a dual-purpose K-9 program for the Ste. Genevieve R-II School District. The proposed K-9 would serve as both an Emotional Support Dog and a Narcotics Detection Dog, providing daily support to students and staff while also enhancing school safety through proactive narcotics detection.

The costs outlined below represent current estimated pricing and are subject to change based on vendor pricing, taxes, shipping, and equipment availability.

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## Initial Startup Budget

Item	Description	Estimated Cost
Green K-9	Green dog selected and evaluated to meet the district's needs from Shallow Creek Kennels	\$10,000
Emotional Support Training	Certification and training through Dog's On Duty	\$1,000
Narcotics Detection Training	Detection training with Trainer Dan Allen	\$2,000
K-9 Transport Crate	Black stationary side-door kennel from Impact Kennels	\$1,120
Vehicle Heat Alarm System	Heat Alarm Pro from Ace K9 to monitor vehicle temperature and automatically activate ventilation should the vehicle's air conditioning system fail	\$1,095

### Estimated Initial Startup Cost

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**Total Startup Budget    \$15,215**

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# Estimated Annual Operating Budget

Item	Description	Annual Cost
Dog Food	Purina Pro Plan Sport Performance Formula	\$1,200
Veterinary Care	Annual wellness examination and vaccinations	\$600
PackTrack Reporting Software	K-9 deployment, training, maintenance, and reporting software	\$140

## Estimated Annual Operating Cost

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**Total Annual Operating Budget    \$1,940**

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## Funding Opportunities

The projected startup cost of approximately **\$15,215** may be reduced through several outside funding opportunities, including:

- Federal and state grant programs
- Community fundraising initiatives
- Donations from local businesses and civic organizations
- Private sponsorships
- Law enforcement and public safety grant opportunities

Utilizing outside funding sources could substantially reduce the financial commitment required from the Ste. Genevieve R-II School District while allowing the district to establish a long-term K-9 program that enhances both student wellness and campus safety.

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## Budget Summary

Category	Amount
Initial Startup Costs	<b>\$15,215</b>
Estimated Annual Operating Costs	<b>\$1,940</b>

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## Conclusion

The proposed K-9 program represents an investment in both student well-being and school security. By combining emotional support services with narcotics detection capabilities, the district can provide a highly visible resource that promotes positive student interactions while serving as a proactive deterrent to illegal drug activity.

Although the initial investment is approximately **\$15,215**, the annual cost to maintain the program is estimated at only **\$1,940**. With the pursuit of grants, fundraising, and community donations, the overall financial impact to the district may be significantly reduced, making the program a cost-effective and sustainable enhancement to the district's comprehensive school safety initiatives.