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Opioid Settlement Funds

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*Please complete the application below in its entirety. You may attach additional pages as needed. Applications will be accepted for up to \$100,000.00 for direct services and \$50,000.00 for indirect service projects. Funds are limited due to the amount of settlement received and projects may not receive full request. A 20% match of funds will be required for all projects; however, a waiver of match may be requested and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Waiver Request forms are available upon request. Funding decisions are at the sole discretion of the City and the City reserves the right to deny any request for funds and/or waivers of match for any reason.*

*Once submitted, this application and any supporting documents are considered a public record and will be posted on the City's website and made available to the public and the media upon request.*

- CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED EXHIBIT A, SCHEDULE A - CORE STRATEGIES and SCHEDULE B APPROVED USES
- CERTIFY THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT A REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE CITY MAY MAKE VISITS DURING THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND DURING THE GRANT PERIOD FOR MONITORING PURPOSES *WITHOUT* PRIOR NOTICE.

**Section One: Contact Information**

**Name of Organization and Contact Persons Name for application\***

City of Fairmont Police Department

**Address\***

500 Quincy St

Fairmont WV 26554

Website, if applicable:

https://www.fairmontwv.gov/160/Police

Phone Number\*

304-366-9280; x 6

Email address\*

[Redacted]

FEIN\*

[Redacted]

UEI\*

[Redacted]

Registration in SAM.gov  Yes  No

\*If yes, please list expiration date 10/26

Are you in good standing  Yes  No

**Section Two: Project Summary**

**Executive summary of the proposal\***

Please include details regarding the design and strategy of your proposal.

3.5 page maximum

See Attached

**Which of the following Core Strategies and Approved Uses will be met?**

Please check all that apply:

**Schedule A Core Strategies \***

- Naloxone or other FDA -Approved Drug to reverse opioid overdoses.
- Medication Assisted Treatment ("MAT") Distribution and other opioid related treatment Pregnant & postpartum women.
- Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
- Treatment of incarcerated population
- Prevention Programs
- Evidence based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies
- Law Enforcement

Research

**Schedule B Approved Uses\***

- Treat opioid use disorder (OUD)
- Support people in treatment and recovery.
- Other

**Provide specific information on how your project will meet the Core Strategies and Approved Uses. \***

3.5 page maximum

efforts to curtail the sale, distribution, promotion or use of opioids and other drugs to reduce the oversupply of licit and illicit opioids, including regional jail fees.

**Key anticipated outcomes \***

Reduction in crime rate, increased officer safety, enhanced community safety

**Individuals or communities served\***

Citizens of Fairmont, Marion and surrounding counties other law enforcement agencies and the task force.

**Describe your organization's connection to the City of Fairmont\***

The City of Fairmont Police Department was established in 1905, and have been proudly serving the citizens of Fairmont since that time.

**Amount of funding requested\***

\$3,500.00

**Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization\***

\$ 111,614.82

**Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization\***

The department has allocated funds in its budget to cover matching funds. which include officer salary and K-9 Care.

**Project timeline\***

Include how long it will take you to implement and complete the project if awarded funding. *The project period is 12- months. 3.5 page maximum*

The project will take approximately 12 months to complete.

**Section Three: Proposal Details**

**Describe the problem or need that your project seeks to address\***

3.5 page maximum

✘ See Attached ✘

**Total proposed budget\***

\*\*Include the following:

- ❖ A detailed proposed budget

Example:

Category	Amount	Purpose	Source(s) of Funding
Personnel	106,614.82	officer Salary	City Budget
Contracts			
Travel/Training			
Equipment	6,800.00	Vehicle + Mod.	Grant
Other	25,500.00	Kennel, K-9, Bite Suit	Grant
Other	5,000-	K-9 Care	City Budget

- ❖ Proposed budget narrative\*

Describe how you will use the requested funding to complete the proposed project.

3.5 page maximum

See attached

**List any partners in this proposal, the partners' roles, and your relationship with them.\***

3.5 page maximum

N/A

**List leadership/key personnel\***

Identify the anticipated leadership/key personnel of the proposal and attach resumes for each person.

3.5 page maximum

See attached

**Describe your plan for sustainability after the grant award has been exhausted. \***

*3.5 page maximum*

See attached

**Section Four: Organization Information**

**Provide your organization's mission statement. \***

The City of Fairmont's mission statement is guided by its TEAM FAIRMONT vision, mission, and values. The city is committed to creating an environment that leads to sustained economic revitalization and growth. It aims to provide responsive, effective, cost-efficient government services while actively looking for opportunities to exceed expectations and apply creative approaches to enhance safety, wellbeing, prosperity, and quality of life in Fairmont, WV

**Describe the history of your organization. \***

The City of Fairmont Fairmont, West Virginia, was founded in 1819 as Middletown, Virginia, by Boaz Fleming. The town was named after Fleming's hometown in Delaware and was established on his farm. In 1843, it was incorporated as the Borough of Fairmont and later became the city of Fairmont in 1899, combining it with Palatine and West Fairmont. The name change to Fairmont was made due to its scenic location overlooking the Monongahela River. The Fairmont Police Department was established in 1905. It has continued to protect and serve its citizens since its inception.

**Tell us about your current programs and activities: \***

The Fairmont Police Department is a 24-hour a day/7 days a week operating department.

The department consists of 36 sworn officer positions and 8 civilian support staff. All officers receive law enforcement certification through the West Virginia State Police Academy and go through a 16 week Field Training Officer Program.

The department answers a wide variety of calls for service, from parking complaints and barking dogs to domestic violence and homicide. We dedicate ourselves to work in partnership with the community to fight crime, reduce fear and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

**Describe three significant accomplishments of your organization within the last three years. \***

Three significant accomplishments of the organization within the last three years are that the police department has undergone a significant restructuring, with the addition of a Deputy Chief and the promotion of five officers to the rank of Lieutenant, enhancing overall leadership structure. The department has increased its workforce, with a goal of hiring six new officers. This reflects a commitment to maintaining a strong police presence in the community. The department has expanded its outreach efforts, including the annual National Night Out event, which aims to build community trust and improve public relations. These achievements highlight the department's efforts to enhance its operational efficiency and community relations.

**All sources of funding\***

List all funds received by your organization from any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last year and the current status of those funds.

The department is funded through the city budget. The department receives reimbursement of certain overtime activities through the VAWA grant administered by the State of WV, the GHSP fund administered by Clarksburg PD.

**Organization Members\***

- *List your Organization's Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, and other key members of your organization.*
- *List the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:*

The Police Department is organized in the following way  
City Manager, Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Patrol.....

**Attach the Following:**

**Certifications \***

- Certifications of good standing with the Secretary of State
- All licensures required from the city
- All licensures and certifications for all individuals that will be working on this project.
- All special licensures and certifications required by the state

**Audited financial statements\***

Attach one year of the most recent audited financial statements.

**Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances, & Appropriations and Cash Flow\***

Attach your organization's most current monthly Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances, & Appropriations and Cash flow statement

**Current operating budget\***

Attach your organization's current operating budget.

**\*\*If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.**

N/A
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**Section Five: Supplementary Information**

**Third-party reference\***

*Enter contact information for at least one outside third-party reference.*



**Supplementary information or documentation**

Attach any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support) that you feel will be essential to the City's review.

*Rene Graves*  
Signature

Rene Graves  
Name (Print)

Grant Administrator  
Title City of Fairmont

10/21/2025  
Date

*While we are unable to help you complete this application, we are more than happy to provide you with clarification. Please contact Rene Graves, Grant Administrator, with any questions at [rgraves@fairmontwv.gov](mailto:rgraves@fairmontwv.gov) or 304-366-6212 x 321.*

*All projects will run for 12 months from the time of the signed contract with the ability to apply for a one-year no cost extension.*



**Executive summary of the proposal\***

Please include details regarding the design and strategy of your proposal.

3.5 page maximum

The Fairmont Police Department seeks funding to acquire a second police service dog (K-9) to strengthen our capacity to respond to rising public safety needs. Our current K-9 unit provides critical support in narcotics detection, suspect apprehension, building searches, and community engagement. However, one K-9 is not sufficient to meet the increasing demand for service, nor can a single dog provide 24/7 coverage.

A second K-9 will provide:

- **Expanded Coverage:** Ensuring availability across multiple shifts and during high-demand incidents.
- **Specialized Capabilities:** Allowing cross-training in areas such as explosives detection, search and rescue, or narcotics interdiction.
- **Enhanced Officer and Public Safety:** Supporting safer apprehensions and reducing the need for higher levels of force.
- **Community Engagement:** Increasing opportunities for school visits, demonstrations, and public outreach without overburdening one K-9.
- **Continuity of Service:** Preparing for future succession as our current K-9 nears retirement within the typical 7–9-year service span.

The addition of a second K-9 represents a cost-effective, high-impact investment that will enhance public safety, support officers, and strengthen trust between law enforcement and the community. Grant funds will be used for the purchase and outfitting of a dedicated K-9 vehicle and the initial acquisition and training of a certified multi-purpose K-9. These start-up costs exceed the department's current budget capacity; however, ongoing maintenance, care, and operational expenses are incorporated into future operating budgets to ensure long-term program sustainability.

The Fairmont Police Department also serves as the controlling agency for the Three Rivers Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, allowing this resource to support not only local efforts but also regional partners upon request. This project will ensure that our officers and citizens have access to the most

effective tools available for addressing today's complex public safety challenges.

**Demonstrated Impact: K-9 Paco Performance (January–December 2024)**

Now in his fourth year of service, K-9 Paco has demonstrated the clear value and effectiveness of canine operations. Paco was deployed 60 times to assist Fairmont officers and neighboring agencies, including participation in a multi-jurisdictional sweep at Hazelton Federal Penitentiary, one of the nation's highest-security facilities—where he successfully located narcotics residue linked to overdose-related deaths.

His work has directly contributed to numerous arrests, drug seizures, and improved officer safety. Paco's presence routinely deters flight and resistance during arrests, speeds up building searches, and allows officers to return to patrol duties more efficiently.

**2024 Deployment Summary:**

Total Deployments: 60

- Apprehensions: 1
- Warrant Services: 1
- Article Searches: 1
- Tracks: 3 (66% success rate)
- Building Searches: 4
- Narcotics Searches: 49

**Items Seized:**

- 5 cell phones
- 1 firearm
- \$2,522.07 in U.S. currency
- 34 pills
- 24.74 grams of cocaine
- 13.719 grams of methamphetamine
- 3.5 ounces (100.69 grams) of marijuana
- ½ cookie and 1 gummy containing 1,800mg THC

## Notable Highlights:

- Assisted West Virginia State Police during a pursuit where the suspect surrendered upon K-9 arrival.
- Successfully tracked a fleeing suspect across rough terrain, confirming Paco's reliability and precision.
- De-escalated a violent encounter during a DUI investigation, resulting in safe apprehension without injury.
- Supported two major narcotics cases leading to multiple arrests, one involving a known fentanyl distributor.

K-9 Paco's consistent results underscore the critical role these teams play in combating illegal drug activity, enhancing officer safety, and strengthening public confidence. The addition of a second K-9 unit will double these capabilities, increase regional support, and further safeguard the citizens of Fairmont and surrounding communities.

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## Budget

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Notes</u>
K-9	\$19,000	Dual Purpose Narcotics/Patrol K9 with 6 Week Handler Course at Shallow Creek Kennels, Inc. Includes: All Manuals and Handouts, Leather Work Lead, Leather Waist Lead, Leather Collar, Tracking Harness. Herm Springer Fur Saver, Choke Chain and Prong Collar. 15ft Nylon Tracking Line. 500 Series Vari Kennel. Coat Rake, Bende Ball and Tug Rewards. 37.5 lb. Bag of Purina ProPlan Sport Dog Food, 2- 2qt food dish, 2.5 water jug. Lodging available at no additional cost to the first 24 students registered to each class. N.A.P.W.D.A. Certification Upon Successful Completion of Class. Must Be a Member in Good Standing, Import Tariff Fee per K9
Ultra Kimono Training		
Bite Suit	\$2,000.00	
5x10 Single Dog Kennel	\$4,500.00	
Vehicle W/	\$68,000.00	
Vehicle Modification		K9 cage, heat alarm, remote door opener
K9 care	\$5,000.00	Vet bills, board, medication, when needed City Match
Officer Salary	\$ 106,614.82	City Match
Total Budget	\$200,114.82	
<b>Total Budget Requested</b>	<b>\$93,500.00</b>	

### Budget Narrative

If awarded funding, the Fairmont Police Department would make purchases of the vehicle, required equipment to outfit the vehicle for use of a dog including: Havis K9 Insert with Ace K9 Hot n Pop and Fan (Drivers side deploy).

The PD would purchase a dual purpose K9, and the purchase price will include Dual Purpose Narcotics/Patrol K9 with 6 Week Handler Course at Shallow Creek Kennels, Inc., all manuals and handouts, leather work lead, leather, waist lead, leather collar, tracking harness. Herm springer fur, saver, choke chain and prong collar, 15ft nylon tracking line, 500 series Vari kennel, coat rake, Bende ball and tug rewards, 37.5 lb. bag of Purina ProPlan sport dog food, 2- 2qt food dish, 2.5 water jug. Lodging available at no additional cost to the first 24 students registered for each class. N.A.P.W.D.A. Certification upon successful completion of class where they must be a member in good standing. Additionally, they will purchase a single dog kennel and bite suit. The city will pay the officer's salary to include a statutory increase built in the salary. The city will also pay for any vet bills, board, and medication, when needed.

**List leadership/key personnel\***

*Identify the anticipated leadership/key personnel of the proposal and attach resumes for each person.*

*Chief Steve Shine*

*Deputy Chief Jack Frost*

*Direct Supervisor*

*Officer assigned the K-9*

*Grant Administrator Rene Graves grant paperwork and reporting.*

**Describe your plan for sustainability after the grant award has been exhausted. \***

*3.5 page maximum*

The city will ensure ongoing maintenance, care, and operational costs for the K-9 program have been incorporated into the department's future operating budget, ensuring the program's long-term sustainability.