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Dear Ms. Dumeer,

Please allow this correspondence to serve as confirmation that the Amherst Police Department is applying for the \$25,000 Stanton Foundation Grant to establish a second dog program. The Amherst Police Department currently deploys a K-9 unit that was obtained due to the generosity of the Stanton Foundation. "Dash" has been an integral part of our patrol force since 2014 and part of numerous patrol success stories. We are committed to establishing a second K-9 into our patrol force but lack the resources to do so. We recognize the need for continued training and the Amherst Police Department intends to maintain this important program.

Very truly yours,

Paul Bockelman
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Dear Ms. Dumeer,

The Amherst Police Department launched a K-9 program in October of 2014 due to the generous grant provided by the Stanton Foundation. The deployment of our K-9 "Dash" has been immensely successful and our patrol force has improved dramatically. Dash has been involved in the identification and apprehension of a number of criminal suspects since he became a member of our department. We are a busy agency that handles thousands of call per month. The addition of a second K-9 unit would greatly enhance our abilities to provide public safety services while improving officer safety.

We understand that a second a K-9 program presents new challenges of ongoing training and maintenance, but know that we are committed to moving forward if we are considered for an award by the Stanton Foundation.

Sincerely,

Scott P. Livingstone
Chief of Police