

**2024-2025 Law Enforcement and Fire Department Therapy Dog Grant  
Request for Proposals (RFP) Q&A  
September 9th, 2024**

**Question 1:** Has this ever been extended to Crime Victim Advocacy agencies? Would it be a possibility?

- **Answer 1:** Unfortunately, at this point, this specific mandate was only for law enforcement agencies and fire departments. The work Crime Victim Advocacy Agencies do is extremely valuable, so we encourage you to advocate for this type of funding with your legislators.

**Question 2:** We are interested in applying for the program through our probation department.

Wondering if we would be accepted as we are a criminal justice partner to Law Enforcement and Fire Departments.

- **Answer 2:** Unfortunately, at this point, this specific mandate was only for law enforcement agencies and fire departments.

**Question 3:** We created a therapy canine program last year. Is there any prohibition for applying for expenses for our current program? Or does it have to be a new program?

- **Answer 3:** You can apply for an expansion or a funding need for your current dog therapy program.

- **Additional questions can be directed to Natty Hels at [natty.b.hels@state.mn.us](mailto:natty.b.hels@state.mn.us)**