Application - Hall County K9

Routing in Progress: Program Manager Review (Step 2 of 7)

Application Summary

This form outlines all project details, including Scope of Work, all costs, and location worksheets.

Title:	Hall County K9
Total Project Cost:	$65,000.00
Eligible Amount:	$65,000.00
Cost Summary:	Equipment $65,000.00 Note: these values will only update after the form is saved.
Funding Sources:	Federal - $65,000.00 State - $0.00 Local - $0.00
FEMA Obligation Data:	Federal Number - < no value >

Workflow Summary

Current Step:	2) Program Manager Review Description: Initial Review by the Program Manager
Recipients:	HSGP Program Manager (Full Access (State))
Last Advanced:	Oct 15, 2026 at 12:09 PM by Diana Avalos

Grant

2026 State Homeland Security Program
State Homeland Security Program
Start Date: September 1, 2026
Assistance Listing Number (CFDA): 97.067

Applicant

Hall (county)
Hall County
UEI: < no value >
FIPS: 139-99139-00
FEIN #: 58-6000836
Vendor # (Applicant): 0000014610
DUNS #: 078124617 Type: County Government
Physical: 470 Crescent Drive
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Introduction

Summary Information

Grant:	2026 State Homeland Security Program
Project Discipline Type:	General
Title:	Hall County K9 Used to help identify the Project. Ex: "Jurisdiction - Project Name".
Total Project Investment Amount:	65000
Project Capabilities Type:	Sustaining Existing Capabilities
National Priority Area:	Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets and Crowded Places
Does the project require an MOU to a State Agency?	No

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This application contains Work Activity and Costs in the following areas:	Equipment Hold Ctrl key to select multiple areas.

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Certification (FFATA)

You shall report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:

a. in the sub-grantee's preceding fiscal year, the sub-grantee received
   i. 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
   ii. $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and

b. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm.)

Are all of the above statements true?	No

Project Details

Summarize the proposed project, including its purpose and how it aligns with the State's funding priorities for this Grant:

Soft targets and mass gatherings remain among the most vulnerable to terrorist and transnational criminal threats involving Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). Sporting events, concerts, houses of worship, festivals, and transportation hubs often lack permanent protective measures, leaving large concentrations of people exposed. The DHS National Terrorism Advisory System and FBI intelligence assessments consistently identify explosives as a preferred attack method of both foreign terrorist organizations and domestic violent extremists.

Current security measures in Hall County are not sufficient to provide rapid, wide-area explosive detection coverage at high-risk events. While technology-based systems are valuable, they cannot match the mobility, adaptability, and deterrence capability of properly trained EOD canine teams. This gap leaves communities at risk during large-scale events where mass casualties could result from a single successful IED attack.

The Hall County Sheriff's Office EOD K9 Unit was formed in 2002 with one K9 team. The Hall County Sheriff's Office now has four EOD K9 teams and is responsible for providing an EOD response to law enforcement agencies in unincorporated Hall County; the city limits of Gainesville, Oakwood, Flowery Branch, and Braselton; GEMA; as well as mutual aid for any jurisdictions throughout northeast Georgia that make a request.

The Hall County Sheriff's Office is seeking $_65,000_. The Hall County Sheriff's Office EOD K9 Unit is part of the Hall County Sheriff's Office, a certified Georgia law enforcement agency. The Hall County Sheriff's Office services a population of approximately 221,745 residents, with the daytime population swelling to over 250,000 people with visitors. This number drastically increases in the summer months with an average of 8-10 million visitors to Lake Lanier. Hall County has a major rail station, airport, federal courthouse, 2 county courthouses, and 4 municipal courtrooms, 11 postal facilities, 3 colleges, 3 water treatment facilities, 11 nursing homes, 20 daycares and 37 public schools. Hall County is home to largest hospital system in northeast Georgia with two hospitals, one located on the north side of the county and one on the south side.

In 2025, the Hall County Sheriff's Office EOD K9 Unit responded to 17 incidents within Hall County and responded to 54 out of county requests for assistance or special events as a member of GEMA/Homeland Security EOD Canine Program within Georgia. During 2025, the Hall County Sheriff's Office EOD K9 Unit conducted a total of 4,234 sterility sweeps, with 18,542 vehicles and 6,123 packages/parcels being searched during both the sterility sweeps and callouts.

This project will support the ongoing operation of the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Canine Program to strengthen the protection of soft targets and mass gatherings across the state. Funding will be used for the acquisition, training, certification, and ongoing maintenance of EOD canine handler teams, enabling rapid detection and deterrence capabilities at high profile events.

EOD canine teams possess the unique ability to operate effectively in crowded, fast-moving environments where large-scale screening of people, vehicles, or packages is essential. These teams will be available for statewide deployment, supporting local law enforcement, emergency management agencies, and federal partners. They will also seamlessly integrate with existing bomb squad and tactical response operations, enhancing interoperability and serving as vital force multipliers.

The SHSP supports state, local, tribal, and territorial preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities that support terrorism preparedness.

FY 2026 Homeland Security Grant Program National Priorities:

Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets and Crowded Places.

Enhancing Election Security.

Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers.

Enhancing and Integrating Cybersecurity Resiliency.

Border Crisis Response and Enforcement Support.

Will the funds being applied for supplant other funding for this project?

No

Example: SPLOST or other local funds already planned for use to do this project

Primary Core Capability to be addressed by this Project: Common - Threats and Hazard Identification

Estimate the amount of funding you are requesting that will be used to strengthen the selected Primary Core Capability: $ 65,000.00

Secondary Core Capability to be addressed by this Project: Common - Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment

Estimate the amount of funding you are requesting that will be used to strengthen the selected Secondary Core Capability: $ 65,000.00

How much of the funding in the proposed project can be associated with Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)? $ 65,000.00

This could include activities and equipment with a nexus to terrorism that are focused on information sharing and analysis; target hardening; treat recognition; terrorism interdiction; fusion center operation; or training/exercises associated with these activities.

Briefly explain how this project will support LETPA:	Hall County's Explosive Ordinance Detection K9 Program teams conduct sweeps and detect commercial, military, and homemade explosives at local and region events such as courthouses, schools, concert venues, road races, parades, and special events. Within the last year alone, Hall County performed 3,917 sterility sweeps, 8 in-county callouts, 32 out of county callouts, searched 17,512 vehicles and 5,268 unknown packages, and responded to 14 total bomb threats. Goals and Objectives: Goal 1: Strengthen security at soft targets and mass gathering venues. - Objective 1.1: Deploy certified EOD canine teams to detect explosives and deter threats at high-priority events. - Objective 1.2: Integrate canine teams into security plans for sporting events, religious gatherings, concerts, and civic festivals. Goal 2: Enhance statewide preparedness and response capabilities. - Objective 2.1: Provide a deployable EOD canine resource to support local and regional law enforcement partners. - Objective 2.2: Ensure EOD canine teams participate in joint training exercises with law enforcement, emergency management, and DHS partners. Goal 3: Sustain long-term operational capability. - Objective 3.1: Maintain canine health, certification, and readiness through grant-funded sustainment activities. - Objective 3.2: Deliver ongoing education and specialized training to ensure adherence to national EOD detection standards. Evaluation and Performance Metrics: The program's success will be assessed by: - The number of canines trained and certified to national EOD standards. - The frequency and scope of deployments to soft target and mass gathering venues. - Results from After-Action Reports (AARs) and improvement plans following events and exercises. - Increases in deterrence and public confidence, assessed through post event feedback. - Evidence of effective coordination with local, state, and federal agencies during joint operations. Alignment with National Priorities: This initiative is aligned with DHS/FEMA SHSGP priorities, specifically:

- Protecting Soft Targets and Crowded Places: By providing proactive, mobile detection capabilities.
- Countering Domestic Violent Extremism and IED Threats: Addressing a favored attack method of extremists.
- Enhancing State and Regional Preparedness: By establishing a scalable capability accessible across multiple jurisdictions.

Risk Assessment

Agency Tax Status?	Appropriated Division of the Town
Agency Fiscal Year:	July- June For example: July-June or Jan-Dec
Legal name of the entity to which the FTIN was assigned:	Hall County, GA
Does the Physical Address on file match your address as listed on SAM.gov?	No
Address Line 1:	2875 Browns Bridge Road
Address Line 2:	
City:	Gainesville
State:	GA - Georgia
Zip Code:	30504
Is the Mailing Address on file correct?	Yes

PO Box 907730 Gainesville Georgia 30501

Has your organization been audited in the past 12 months?	Yes, by an outside audit firm
Is your organization required to have a single audit conducted in accordance with the Single Audit Act (sub recipient expends $1,000,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year)?	Yes
Has the A-133 single audit been submitted to primary pass through Party?	Yes
Who was the audit sent to?	Georgia Department of State Audits
What date was the audit sent?	Jan 25, 2026
Did the organization have significant audit findings from your last single audit regarding program non-compliance?	No
If the single audit has not yet been conducted, when will this be completed?	Dec 31, 2026

What type of accounting system do you use?	Manual
Does your organization have written policies and procedures for checks and balances of all fiscal transactions?	Yes
Does your organization maintain for inspection all the books, documents, payroll papers, accounting records and grant files pertaining to sub grant agreements and contracts for a period of three years after the close of the sub-grant?	Yes
Is the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on file for your organization correct?	Yes

UEI:

Costs

Cost Line Items

- Cost line items should be listed in the order of descending priority, with the most important item first, then second most important item next, and so on.
- Costs must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.
- For Equipment items costing $5,000 or more each it is required to provide a Tangible Property Report. If applicable, please attach to this application prior to submission.

Classification	Description	Qty	Price	Total
Area: Equipment Type: Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) K9 AEL Code (List)	07ED-01-DOGS - Canines, Explosive Detecting		$ 47,700.00	$47,700.00
Area: Equipment Type: Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) K9 AEL Code (List)	07ED-01-DOGS - Canines, Explosive Detecting		$ 17,300.00	$17,300.00
Application Total				**$65,000.00**
Grand Total				**$65,000.00**

Funding Sources

Method: ○ By Percent ◉ By Amount

Funding Source / Other Agency

Estimated Federal Share:	$	65,000.00	100%
Total Allocated:	$	65,000.00	100%

Equipment Work Plan

Provide up to four major milestones and their associated completion dates that will be required to complete the project.

Add an Objective

EHP Review

Projects that are not classroom training and are not simply (portable) equipment purchases will require an Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Review to be done before work begins. If you wish to review the EHP screening form or program requirements, they can be found at the FEMA EHP site by clicking here.

EHP Review Required:	No