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March 3, 2026

Nevada County Sheriff's Office  
950 Maidu Ave.  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Grant Award and Agreement for Handler Ramos and K9 Lambo

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that Rüdiger Foundation (RüF) has approved your grant up to \$28,5000. These Grant funds are intended to cover the costs associated with the training of Handler Ramos and K9 Officer Lambo as well as the outfitting of K9 Officer Lambo, as outlined in the Nevada County Sheriff's Office formal request proposal (See attachment A). This grant approval covers the funds requested in Attachment A and will be in place for the term of one (1) year from the date of this letter. Requests for on-going training, one-time expenses and medical care will be contingent upon funding and reviewed annually as part of Rüdiger Foundations Annual Budget.

The offer of this grant is subject to the following terms:

1. The Nevada County Sheriff's Office herein after NCSO, agrees that the K9 grant provided by Rüdiger Foundation shall be used to cover the costs and only the costs set forth in Attachment A, and that these grant funds will not be used for any other department activities.
2. NCSO designates Training Sgt. Agamau, to correspond directly with Rüdiger Foundation regarding K9 matters. He can be reached by email at [Ryan.Agamau@nevadacountyca.gov](mailto:Ryan.Agamau@nevadacountyca.gov). If the designee's job duties change, they will provide Rüdiger Foundation with an appropriate alternate contact before leaving their position.
3. NCSO will attend a minimum of one (1) board meeting quarterly to update Rüdiger Foundation on all Rüdiger Foundation Sponsored K9 team's activities, health, training and on-going expenses.
4. New K9 handlers will meet with and introduce themselves to the Rüdiger Foundation Board prior to funding.
5. NCSO will provide itemized receipts for costs to be reimbursed from grant funds.
6. NCSO K9 Team (handler and canine) will make every reasonable effort to attend and participate in the annual Paw & Order Fundraiser. The Rüdiger Foundation will provide the K9 team and a plus one with an event ticket which includes dinner on the night of this event. The Rüdiger Foundation requests confirmation of attendance or lack thereof seven (7) days prior to the event, except in the case of injury/illness or public safety incident.
7. The NCSO K9 team will participate in a minimum of two (2) community/donor events in support of the Rüdiger Foundation in addition to the Paw & Order Fundraiser. Additionally, the NCSO will provide photographs for The Rüdiger Foundation to use on their social platforms and other promotional materials when requested.

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8. Upon K9 Lambo's retirement the Rüdiger Foundation commits to provide reimbursement up to the \$5000.00 per year for K9 Lambo's routine veterinary expenses and medical care. In the case of any extraordinary health incidents and the submission of written request with supporting documentation, the Rüdiger Foundation may provide financial assistance up to the amount available in the individual K9's retirement fund.
- a. For purposes of item number eight (8) retirement is defined as: Mutal agreement between Agency and Handler that the K9 is unable to perform its service duties due to age, illness or injury.
  - b. The Rüdiger Foundation reserves the right to deny funding for services/care directly related to prolonging the life of a K9 if it does not support the K9's overall quality of life and/or is not in the best interest of the animal. The Rüdiger Foundation may agree to fund the human euthanasia of the K9 upon veterinary recommendation.

If the Nevada County Sheriff's Office agrees to these terms, please have an authorized representative sign, and return a copy of this agreement. We appreciate being able to continue to support your agency and K9 program in a mutually beneficial way for both our organizations.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Renee Bartels  
Rüdiger Foundation President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ashley Fucci  
Rüdiger Foundation Treasurer

The Agency named above accepts the terms outlined in this Grant Award:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Capt. Sean Scales  
Title: Administrative Captain

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Designee: Sgt. Ryan Agamau  
Title: Training Sergeant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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# Attachment A

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**NEVADA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



**SHANNAN MOON**  
SHERIFF/CORONER  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

January 29, 2026

Rudiger Foundation  
PO Box 2174  
Nevada City, Ca. 95959

Re: Request for funding to support the purchase, training and outfitting of replacement K9

Dear Rudiger Foundation Board:

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office recently made the decision to retire one of our service dogs, Canine Riggs. Canine Riggs came to us from a previous law enforcement agency where he served for several years prior to serving our community for the last two years. Riggs is now 8 years old and is quickly reaching the end of his service life. While Riggs is still able to perform his duties, it is obvious he is slowing down, and the rigors of the job are beginning to take its toll on him. Rigg's handler and the head instructor for D-Tac K-9 both agree that the time for Riggs retirement is upon us.

With Riggs impending retirement, our office would like to replace him as soon as possible with another patrol-oriented service dog. We will soon open testing amongst our deputies for those interested in being a canine handler. The best candidate for the position will be chosen as our next handler. Riggs current handler has expressed interest in continuing in her position and she will test along with any other candidates.

Our Sheriff's Office has enjoyed great support from Rüdiger Foundation over the years, and we respectfully request the foundation purchase a replacement canine, a kennel, miscellaneous training aids and handler equipment, and to cover the costs associated with the dog's initial training. Below are estimated costs for these items and if approved, our office will begin an immediate recruitment process for a replacement handler.

Replacement Dog	\$15,000.00
6-week handler's course ( <i>D-Tac K9</i> )	\$ 7,500.00
*Kennel w/ Roof	\$ 700.00
*Concrete Kennel floor ( <i>if needed</i> )	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous equipment ( <i>leashes, collars, leads, etc.</i> )	\$ 1,500.00
K-9 Detection Course	\$ 4,500.00
<b>Total Funding Request</b>	<b>\$30,200.00</b>
<b>*Total Funding Request w/o Kennel and pad</b>	<b>\$28,500.00</b>

*\*If Riggs current handler is selected to continue in the position, we will not need to purchase a kennel or concrete floor. \**

The sheriff's office anticipates sending the new dog and handler to the K-9 Detection Course at a date to be determined after completion of the 6-week handler course. The timeframe of this course is unknown at this time; however, we would like to include the funding for this course at this time as well and the additional cost for this training is reflected in both total funding requests.

Again, the Sheriff's Office greatly appreciates the support we've received from Rüdiger Foundation and recognize we would not be where we are today with our canine program if it were not for our strong partnership.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Shannan Moon  
Sheriff-Coroner