

**CITY OF LODI
REQUEST FOR NON-PROFIT FUNDS**

PROPOSAL LETTER

Amount Requested: \$15,000

Contact:

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Organization:

The Lodi Police PARTNERS' Foundation
215 W. Elm Street
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Federal Tax Status:

501(c)(4) Nonprofit
EIN: 80-0703332

Organization Overview

The Lodi Police PARTNERS Unit is a volunteer organization established in December 1993 that supports the Lodi Police Department by supplementing public safety services throughout the City of Lodi. These dedicated volunteers provide valuable assistance that allows sworn personnel to focus on critical law enforcement duties while maintaining strong service to the community.

PARTNERS volunteers contribute over 17,500 volunteer hours annually and collectively drive more than 30,000 miles each year while performing public safety and community support services. Based on commonly accepted nonprofit volunteer value estimates, these hours represent more than \$612,500 in donated service to the City of Lodi each year, providing significant cost savings to the community.

Mission

The Lodi Police PARTNERS Unit assists Lodi Police Department personnel in enhancing the quality of service provided to the community through dedicated volunteer support.

Board of Directors

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Project Description

Lodi Police PARTNERS volunteers provide numerous services that support public safety and community outreach, including:

- Vacation house checks
- Abandoned vehicle investigations

- Evidence and property transport
- Traffic control and DUI checkpoint support
- Crime scene security
- Patrols of schools, parks, and city facilities
- Removal of illegal signage
- Subpoena service
- Community crime prevention presentations for seniors, children, and residents

These services require operational patrol vehicles. Due to budget limitations, the City of Lodi is unable to provide vehicles for the PARTNERS Unit. As a result, volunteers must acquire their own patrol vehicles.

The PARTNERS Unit currently operates five vehicles. However, one vehicle has reached the end of its service life due to age and high mileage and must be replaced this year. A suitable used replacement vehicle is estimated to cost approximately \$40,000.

The requested \$15,000 grant will be applied directly toward the purchase of this replacement patrol vehicle, ensuring the continued delivery of these volunteer services to the community.

Performance Measurement

Success will be measured by the purchase and deployment of the replacement patrol vehicle during 2026. All awarded funds will be dedicated solely to the purchase of the vehicle, which directly supports volunteers who provide over 17,500 hours of service and more than 30,000 miles of operational support annually.

Community Benefit

The entire Lodi community benefits from the work of the PARTNERS Unit. These volunteers enhance public safety operations, support police personnel, and provide crime prevention education that serves residents of all ages—from children to seniors.

Closing

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would be happy to provide any additional information or clarification the Council may require.

We respectfully request that the City Council award \$10,000 to the Lodi Police PARTNERS' Foundation to assist with the purchase of a replacement patrol vehicle so that our volunteers may continue serving the Lodi community.

Sincerely,

Chet Somera

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Volunteer Coordinator