

## DWI Planning Council Request for Funding

**Date:** 3/26/2025

**Organization making request:** Los Alamos Police Department

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**Amount requested:** \$13,753.00

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### **Mission**

The purpose of the Los Alamos County DWI Planning Council is to prevent and reduce the incidence of DWI, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, alcohol-related domestic violence, and underage drinking in Los Alamos County.

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### **Please describe how your program/activity will contribute to achieving the mission above.**

Children need strong role models. The LAPD endeavors to reduce and, ultimately, prevent occurrences of DUI, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and underage drinking in the Los Alamos locale through strong education initiatives and community outreach events. The LAPD recognizes that for children to assimilate information concerning such abuses, curriculum must be engaging. To expand on this need, the LAPD is creating a youth cadet program for high school age juveniles and employing DARE programs in Los Alamos Elementary Schools.

### **Please provide a brief description of the prevention program(s) and/or activity.**

The youth cadet program will manifest leadership and teaching skills to cadets who can then be used toward educating those younger than them. This facilitates and expands the LAPDs mission to guide and protect young folk. The agency would like to procure a Daren the Lion Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) robot that can be employed at schools and many other community outreach events in the jurisdiction. This robot has a voice radio and can move around remotely, which allows it to engage youth directly during such events resulting in an engaging atmosphere. As DARE is a drug resistance curriculum and alcohol is defined as a central nervous system depressant drug, we feel that such an engaging robot would be beneficial on both the fronts of drug and alcohol education programs within the Los Alamos County.

### **Is the proposed activity an evidence-based or promising practice prevention activity?**

#### **If not, how will the activity build protective factors and reduce risk behaviors? Provide details.**

DARE is an evidence-based curriculum and has demonstrated promising and effective practices over the past 4 decades.

### **Give a detailed budget breakdown (supplies, materials, services, etc.) of monies requested.**

1-Daren the DARE Lion robot: \$12639.00

1-Voice Modifier: \$327.80

1-Water Squirter: \$321.20

1-LAPD logos on doors: \$165.00

1-Law Enforcement Discount: \$400.00

Shipping: \$700.00

Total: \$13753.00

Return completed form to the DWI Program Coordinator, Sara Martinez at  
sara.martinez@lacnm.us

**How will the program be evaluated for success?**

- Community Compliments
- Photographs with children
- Community outreach requests
- Program evaluation

**Describe how participants will give feedback about the program/activity.**

Use of the robot will be included in program evaluation to maintain desired efficacies and online portal for requests of presence