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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures is now accepting applications for funding. Measure Z, Humboldt County's Public Safety/Essential Services Measure, is a half-cent sales tax, passed by the voters of Humboldt County during the November 2014 general election.

The Advisory Committee meets on each Thursday in March to review applications and will make recommendations to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in April.

Applications for funding must be filed with the County Administrative Office BY 5:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 15, 2021. Postmarks are not acceptable for meeting this deadline.

Agency Name:

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO)

Contact Person/Title:

William Honsal, Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

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Eureka

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95501

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1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested for FY 2021-22:

\$ 252,034

2. Entity Type:

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (Describe Below)

Other:

3. Describe how the scope of your proposal fits the intent of Measure Z. Specifically, how will it maintain and improve public safety and essential services, as described on the previous page? (750 character limit)

Law enforcement agencies are using body-worn cameras (BWC) in various ways: to improve evidence collection, to strengthen officer performance and accountability, to enhance agency transparency, to document encounters between police and the public, and to investigate and resolve complaints and officer- involved incidents. HCSO does not have BWC's for any of its Sheriff Deputies. HCSO believes adding BWC's to its force fits the intent of Measure Z in investigating crimes and in helping to retain and recruit Deputies which will in turn help to ensure on-duty Sheriff's Deputy coverage.

4. Please provide a brief description of the proposal for which you are seeking funding. (1500 character limit)

HCSO is proposing adding BWC's for it's Sheriff Deputies. The device HCSO would like to use involves a cellular telephone with a proprietary application downloaded. The application converts the cellular phone into a BWC but also allows the phone to function as it was designed. This option has a significant costs savings versus other stand-alone systems. HCSO Deputies already have the cellular telephones, so the proposal is to add the cost of software and the staff necessary to manage a BWC program.

HCSO has learned through other agencies that have deployed BWC's that there is a large community demand to review and a legal mandate to release BWC footage. As a result, the implementation of this program will require the addition of two personnel. The amount of footage that is collected daily as well as the need to redact sensitive and/or confidential information necessitates the additional personnel. Additionally, any footage that may be used in a criminal case is required to be duplicated, multiple times so copies can be presented to the District Attorney's Office as well as defense attorneys. The review, redaction and ultimate dissemination of BWC footage will be time consuming but is necessary to meet legal mandates as well as the transparency the public demands. HCSO is requesting the addition of a Public Information Specialist and Crime Analyst to meet these mandates.

5. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? (750 character limit)

HCSO requested an additional Humboldt County General Fund Allocation for the BWC's and 2 positions as part of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget process but was denied. HCSO is not aware of any other funding sources to fund the BWC's and positions other than General Fund and Measure Z funds.

6. If this request is for the continuation or expansion of an existing program/service, what is the current source of funding for that program/service? (500 character limit)

Not applicable.

7. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? (500 character limit)

Humboldt County voted to continue Measure Z funding in support of the great work our county wide safety and law enforcement staff provide to our community. Adding BWC's to increase transparency, aid in crime investigations, and improve recruitment and of retention of Sheriff Deputies will continue to build the communities confidence that their Measure Z dollars are adding value.

8. Will the proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, name the entity and describe what participation would look like. (750 character limit)

The proposal would require some participation from Humboldt County Information Technology Department to vet the new software to ensure the program meets county security standards. The BWC footage would reside in a secure cloud environment versus local servers, so the on-going participation of county IT is anticipated to be minimal.

9. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel costs?

No Yes

If Yes, detail those expenses here: (500 character limit)

Public Information Officer - \$93,897
Crime Analyst - \$90,737
On-Going Annual Software Costs - \$56,400
Total on-going Program and Personnel Costs: \$241,034

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS - Be sure to include the following with your application

Prior Year Results: If your request is a continuation of a program funded with Measure Z in prior fiscal years, please provide the results of implementation. (one page maximum)

Program Budget: Please utilize the template provided on the following pages. This will need to be updated if your agency is approved for funding.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above statements and all attachments are true and correct.

Date:

Signature:

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures
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