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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:

EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact Person/Title:

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EUREKA

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1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested for FY 2021-22: \$ 390,000

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)

Homelessness, mental illness and addiction have a profound effect on our community and addressing these issues has been the highest priority for the City of Eureka, Eureka Police Department, and UPLIFT Eureka. EPD's Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET) along with the UPLIFT Eureka program have never wavered in our commitment to addressing these issues. Everything about our current, ongoing proposal echoes the purpose behind the Measure Z vision of maintaining and improving public safety. Vulnerable members of our community are getting the help they need through mental health services, addiction care and treatment. The positive effects of these efforts are being felt throughout the city by our businesses, residents, and visitors.

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

The Eureka Police Department seeks Measure Z funding to:

Continue to fund a full-time police officer dedicated to the Mobile Intervention and Services Team (MIST)

Continue to fund a full-time Parks & Waterfront Ranger position.

Continue to fund a Homeless Services Coordinator to work with UPLIFT Eureka. This civilian position oversees the daily operations of UPLIFT Eureka, the Co-Pilot program and other fundamental aspects of the program.

Continue to fund our full-time and part-time Homeless Outreach Worker (HOW) positions. These two civilian positions work to provide resources and assistance to our homeless population through UPLIFT Eureka.

Continue to fund a part-time Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program Coordinator. This diversion program is the first of its kind in Humboldt County and another valuable piece of the partnership between EPD, UPLIFT Eureka, and the County.

Continue to fund Emergency Homeless Support Services. These funds have been used to support CSET/MIST/UPLIFT Eureka efforts in areas including but not limited to detox, emergency shelter/housing, transportation, and other services essential to successfully serving and housing Eureka's high needs homeless population.

Continue to fund essential training for CSET/MIST, but primarily UPLIFT Eureka staff to enhance their skills, understanding, and expertise in implementing and sustaining successful homeless outreach.

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)

In the event Measure Z funds were no longer available, the City of Eureka would have to eliminate the positions all together or make further personnel cuts or changes within the department to absorb those positions.

UPLIFT Eureka has limited existing funding to run at a less-scalable level outside of the funding requested from Measure Z. This program would have to rely on their established grant monies and would require re-organizations and likely cuts to those positions funded by Measure Z.

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)

Our 2021/2022 Measure Z funding request is a continuation of our current programs and services with no changes. Currently, Measure Z provides the funding for personnel costs for the programs. The EPD MIST Officer and Parks & Waterfront Ranger positions are primarily funded by Measure Z. However, EPD funds portions of their positions not covered by the funds received from Measure Z. These expenditures include uniforms, training, equipment and overtime.

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)

The Eureka Police Department and the city's Economic Development Department, which oversees UPLIFT Eureka, have a good track record for finding and securing funding sources through grants, and would continue to showcase our successes to leverage future grant applications. UPLIFT Eureka and its community partners continue to receive positive media and press. The reputation and success of our Measure Z funded positions and programs continues to grow throughout the community and abroad.

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)

Since our 2021-2022 Measure Z request and programs are a continuation of established services there are no planned activities that would require the assistance of another entity to be fully functional. We have the foundation laid for our LEAD program and established protocols with the City Attorney's Office as well as a positive working relationship with the District Attorney's Office, Probation, and DHHS.

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

No Yes

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

* See attached Program Budget for personnel costs. *

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
c/o County Administrative Office * 825 Fifth Street, Suite 112 * Eureka, CA 95501-1153 * cao@co.humboldt.ca.us

City of Eureka Police Department

Measure Z Application for Funding – Prior Year Results

Measure Z allowed the Eureka Police Department to conduct enhanced patrol, enforcement, outreach, engagement, and community clean-ups utilizing our Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET), which includes our Measure Z funded MIST Officer and Parks & Waterfront Ranger. EPD created the CSET team around these Measure Z positions to further support the mission and to expand their capabilities. The following are statistics for CSET in calendar year 2020:

Officer Activity:

Self-Initiated activity: 4,320 - team (Measure Z positions - 2,206), Calls for Service (Dispatched) – 1014. 81% of CSET's on-duty activity is proactive (self-initiated). *This more frequent outreach and intervention/support has resulted in severely mentally ill and chronically homeless individuals in Eureka receiving more timely and intensive support.*

CSET Enforcement Stats: Arrest/Cites – 599, Weapons Seized – 76, Methamphetamine Seized - 6 ounces, Heroin Seized - 1 ounce.

CSET Miscellaneous Stats: Camps/Property Tagged – 181, Abandoned Camps Dismantled – 133, Vehicles Tagged – 59, Garbage Collected - 56,245 lbs. (over 28 tons)

CSET Specialized Statistics: 5150 (Mental Health) Holds – 91, Substance Abuse Treatment (Warm handoffs) – 57, MIST Referrals - 4. CSET handled 30% (170 of 576) of EPD's Mental Health Related Calls for Service (CFS) as the primary officers assigned to the call. CSET placed 30% (91 of 302) of EPD's WI 5150 holds. These holds are usually more difficult cases which are time consuming as they require additional efforts and follow-up with St. Joseph Hospital and Behavioral Health personnel.

On a daily basis, CSET, which includes the MIST Officer and Waterfront Ranger, coordinate services with Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Resources. This includes long and short-term individualized planning, daily engagement with their clients, assisting in locating their clients, and direct requests from DHHS personnel to assist with clients in need of immediate support and/or in crisis. CSET assists DHHS move through the red-tape of bureaucracy, and problem-solve issues from a different perspective, which allows for streamlining solutions. On average, CSET spends approximately one to six hours per day collaborating with DHHS. At times, CSET has spent their entire days assisting DHHS.

Besides daily collaboration with DHHS, CSET also assists and coordinates services with St. Joseph Hospital, both with ER staff and hospital social workers. This includes coordinating services while patients at within their facility and/or after discharge. As Covid-19 has caused all mental health holds to enter their ER prior to placement at a mental health facility, CSET also assists hospital staff with de-escalating individuals and providing tools to assist staff defuse future events. On average, CSET spends approximately one to three hours per day at St. Joseph Hospital.

COVID 19 has affected both CSET and UPLIFT Eureka as modifications have had to be made to keep certain partnerships afloat, and to deal with the ever-changing environmental requirements (masks, social distancing, hand washing) to keep our most vulnerable population healthy. County and State lockdown requirements forced UPLIFT Eureka to temporarily suspend many programmatic components due to safety concerns. The efforts exerted by both CSET and UPLIFT Eureka during this pandemic are not fully exhibited in tangible statistics. However, the following are statistics for UPLIFT Eureka in calendar year 2020:

UPLIFT Eureka is currently serving more than 100 participants. The Job Skills Training Program served 69 individuals this year with 18 of them gaining employment. The program also received more than 125 applications.

Pathway to Payday, a component of the UPLIFT program, has placed over 120 individuals in jobs since November 2018. Participants in Pathway to Payday take part in an employment workshop which focuses on the enhancement of application, resume & interview skills, and offers the opportunity to interview with real employers for real jobs, receiving tangible feedback that they can apply to future interviews. This calendar year approximately individuals took part in Pathway to Payday were more than 215 interviews were conducted and more than 60 job offers received by the participants 15 participants. Of those 13 were offered jobs.

Following the housing first principles, Uplift Eureka operates a rapid rehousing program that in the 2020 calendar year housed 23 individuals in 17 households. It was challenging prior to the COVID outbreak to secure permanent housing in our area and was even more difficult during the pandemic. Even with the added challenges of fire refugees and folks moving to our area to work remotely from higher populated areas, Uplift Eureka staff was able to secure permanent housing and provide supportive services to those housed to ensure that they could stabilize and position themselves for future success.

As the COVID pandemic continues and local case counts increase, CSET and Uplift Eureka continue to answer the call to provide essential public safety services to our most vulnerable community members. CSET and Uplift Eureka provide assistance to community partners and conduct outreach services seven days per week. The level of supportive services needed has increased dramatically during the COVID outbreak, and the Uplift Outreach Team and has stepped forward to meet these needs. Additional services that have been provided include assistance in accessing numerous resources such as Economic Impact Payments, Unemployment Insurance Benefits and Free COVID-19 testing. The Uplift Outreach Team is also ensuring that community members have updated and accurate information regarding access to continued medical care, eviction protections, changing Cal Fresh rules and the latest health and safety guidance. The Uplift Outreach Team has been working closely with the Uplift's Housing Assistance Program to refer participants, secure permanent housing and provide supportive services to ensure those who have been housed are able to stabilize and maintain housing.

Following the opening of the 1983-84 session, the Government has placed over 100 individuals in jobs since November 1982. Transfers to jobs in the public sector were made in order to provide work for those who were not employed in the private sector. The Government has also provided training and other assistance to individuals who were not employed in the private sector. The Government has also provided assistance to individuals who were not employed in the private sector. The Government has also provided assistance to individuals who were not employed in the private sector.

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As the Government continues to place individuals in jobs since November 1982, it will continue to provide work for those who were not employed in the private sector. The Government has also provided training and other assistance to individuals who were not employed in the private sector. The Government has also provided assistance to individuals who were not employed in the private sector.

2021/2022 MEASURE Z APPLICATION
 BUDGET PROPOSAL
 CITY OF EUREKA

Date: 2/9/2021

Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Budget
A. Personnel Costs		
Title: MIST Officer Salary and Benefits Calculation: Full time, fully burdened sworn police officer Duties Description:	110,000.00	
Title: Waterfront-Parks Ranger Salary and Benefits Calculation: Full time, fully burdened sworn police ranger Duties Description:	110,000.00	
Title: Homeless Outreach Worker- Full time Salary and Benefits Calculation: Full time, fully burdened civilian position Duties Description:	57,000.00	
Title: Homeless Outreach Worker- Part-time Salary and Benefits Calculation: Part-time civilian position Duties Description:	18,000.00	
Title: Homeless Services Coordinator Salary and Benefits Calculation: Full time civilian position Duties Description:	40,000.00	
Title: Diversion Program Salary and Benefits Calculation: Duties Description:	30,000.00	
Total Personnel:		385,000.00
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)		
Title: Stop Gap Funding Description:	15,000	
Title: Description:		
Title: Description:		
Title: Description:		
Total Operating Costs:		15,000
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)		
Title: Description:		

2021/2022 MEASURE Z APPLICATION
 BUDGET PROPOSAL
 CITY OF EUREKA

Date: 2/9/2021

Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Budget
Title: Description:		
Title: Description:		
Title: Description:		

Total Consumable/Supplies:

D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)

Title: Training Description:	10,000.00
Title: Description:	
Title: Description:	

Total Transportation/Travel Costs: 10,000.00

Invoice Total: 390,000.00

2021-2022 Measure Z Application

**City of Eureka
Police Department
604 C Street
(707) 441-4087**

Description	Amount
Personnel Costs (Wages and Benefits)	\$365,000.00
Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)	\$15,000.00
Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)	\$0.00
Transportation/Travel (Local and out of county should be separate)	\$10,000.00
Other (Indirect Costs, Contracts, etc.)	
Total Budget	\$390,000.00

Signature and date:  2/11/21

Print Name and Title: Brian Stephens, Captain

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street, Room 112
Eureka Ca 95501



_____ Date

_____ Date

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

825 5TH STREET, ROOM 111
EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501 PHONE: (707) 476-2390

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

This letter is in support of continuing funding for the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions. Since the 2014 passing of Measure Z, the City of Eureka has expanded its ability to proactively engage members of Eureka's homeless community, many of whom suffer from mental illness, addiction, and trauma.

The Eureka Police Department's (EPD) Community Safety and Engagement Team (CSET) and the City of Eureka's Uplift Eureka program, much of which is funded by Measure Z, works daily towards long-term solutions to improve the lives of individuals and the overall health of the community. In 2020 alone, CSET and Uplift helped connect 57 individuals directly to substance abuse treatment facilities. CSET and Uplift recognize that a dual approach of compassion and accountability must be used to improve lives while maintaining order in the community.

The MIST Officer (Mobil Intervention and Service Team) is responsible for proactive engagement and coordination of various services for those within Eureka's homeless community specifically those suffering from mental illness, addiction, and trauma. Besides proactive activity, the MIST Officer has expanded services to include responding to calls-for-service with individuals having a mental health crisis to help stabilize individuals and connect them with resources. Moreover, the MIST Officer is requested daily by DHHS Behavior Health and other partnered government and non-profit organizations to assist in providing services to their clients.

While some might be tempted to curtail this funding given the City was able to pass a recent tax measure, that would be unwise at this time, in my opinion, for several reasons. The tax measure specifically states "maintain" not increase level of services. Additionally, the tax measure does not go into effect until July 1 of this year so the actual amount of taxes that might be received is very unknown at this time. Lastly, and perhaps this one is even more important to the partnership between the County of Humboldt and the City of Eureka, without our continued investment in the CSET, MIST and Uplift programs, the county could possibly be left in the position of having to bring on more staff of our own to take over the workload.

This program has proven to be vital for the City of Eureka and Humboldt County as a whole. I strongly recommend continuing the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Fourth District
County of Humboldt



Administration
Connie Beck, Director
507 F Street, Eureka, CA 95501
phone: (707) 441-5400 | fax: (707) 441-5412

February 2, 2021

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office
County of Humboldt
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has worked in close collaboration with the City of Eureka's two Measure Z funded programs, the Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET) and Uplift Eureka. CSET and Uplift exemplify the public and essential services which Measure Z are intended to fund. Uplift's homeless outreach workers, case manager and service coordinator engage persons experiencing homelessness, and link individuals to a variety of needed services related to employment, housing, social services, and treatment. CSET officers provide support and interventions that reflect the national conversation: a focus on engagement, compassion, and connection, working to address the underlying causes of crime.

CSET and Uplift work closely with DHHS programs including the Housing, Outreach and Mobile Engagement (HOME) division, the Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST), Behavioral Health crisis services staff, and other DHHS staff and programs working to serve the community's vulnerable residents. CSET and Uplift's consistent presence at "Free Meal" in Old Town is an example of the long-term commitment and full understanding of the relationship building necessary to effectively engage the individuals experiencing crisis while keeping the wider community safe.

The City of Eureka provides outcomes data to the community that shows their accountability and outcomes. For example, Measure Z funds helped linked over a person a week to SUD treatment in 2020, 57 for the year. DHHS strongly recommends continuing funding for the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions. The intent clearly matches Measure Z goal's, and the record of results and positive outcomes merits continued funding.

Sincerely,

Connie Beck

Connie Beck, Director
Department of Health & Human Services
CBeck@co.humboldt.ca.us

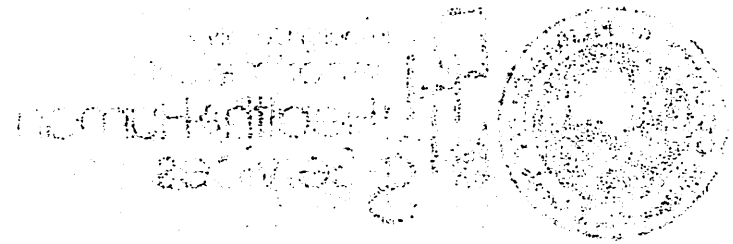


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February 2, 2021

County Administrative Office
County of Kern
525 Park Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear District Advisory Committee Members:

The Health Services Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has worked in close collaboration with the City of Bakersfield's Mental Health program, the Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET) and the Health Services and Public Health (HSPH) to address the public and essential services which Measure 5 are intended to fund. HHS is committed to ensuring that the public and essential services which Measure 5 are intended to fund are delivered in a timely and efficient manner. HHS is committed to ensuring that the public and essential services which Measure 5 are intended to fund are delivered in a timely and efficient manner. HHS is committed to ensuring that the public and essential services which Measure 5 are intended to fund are delivered in a timely and efficient manner.

CSET and HHS will work closely with the Health Services Department on each and every initiative. HHS will work closely with the Health Services Department on each and every initiative. HHS will work closely with the Health Services Department on each and every initiative. HHS will work closely with the Health Services Department on each and every initiative. HHS will work closely with the Health Services Department on each and every initiative. HHS will work closely with the Health Services Department on each and every initiative.

The City of Bakersfield provides a number of services to the community that are essential to the well-being of our residents. The City of Bakersfield provides a number of services to the community that are essential to the well-being of our residents. The City of Bakersfield provides a number of services to the community that are essential to the well-being of our residents. The City of Bakersfield provides a number of services to the community that are essential to the well-being of our residents. The City of Bakersfield provides a number of services to the community that are essential to the well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your input and feedback. We appreciate your input and feedback. We appreciate your input and feedback. We appreciate your input and feedback. We appreciate your input and feedback. We appreciate your input and feedback.

Respectfully,
[Signature]
[Title]



Mental Health
Emi Botzler-Rodgers, MFT, Director
720 Wood Street, Eureka, CA 95501
phone: (707) 268-2990 | fax: (707) 476-4049

Esteemed Citizens' Advisory Committee,

I am writing in support of Measure Z proposals with Eureka's CSET and Uplift programs. My name is Raul Torres and I am a Senior Program Manager with Humboldt County's Department of Health and Human Services. I currently am in charge of the Housing, Outreach and Mobile Engagement (HOME) Program. We work throughout the county with homeless individuals and specifically persons with behavioral health issues. We have seen the work and have worked hand in hand with both these groups and can attest to their importance and need in our community. I urge you to support them not just because they are valuable programs but because they have selected outstanding, caring, compassionate, appropriate people to do the work. People who show up to work when others can't. People who understand there are very few people who understand if not them, then who?

These programs and those persons working in them make a significant impact in our local community. Please continue to support these two programs that help promote positive changes in the people that most others ignore and that show local law enforcement and the City of Eureka are active participants in trying to make changes for the better. Let's keep moving forward.

Thank you,

Raul Torres
Senior Program Manager
Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services



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Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

February 8, 2021

Dear Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures:

I am writing in support of the Eureka Police Department and the Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET) and Uplift Eureka Programs and their application for Measure Z funding. In my work engaged with people experiencing homelessness, both EPD programs, and the personnel associated with them, have been great partners in the work of supporting members of our community as they strive to increase the health and safety in their lives.

CSET embodies the principles that make the program effective in the community. They are true community partners, regularly engaging with other programs and organizations to ensure that CSET is a meaningful part of a community-wide effort to protect and promote the safety of all citizens. Their focus on addressing the social issues that lead to criminal behavior is unique in law enforcement and is evidence-based, leading to positive outcomes community wide.

Law enforcement agencies have always provided social services. Research shows that effective prevention, intervention and stabilization cannot be implemented by a single agency alone but relies on collaborative relationships between many agencies within a community. In their *Guide to Critical Issues in Policing*, the Department of Justice lists *Police Encounters with Persons with Mental Illness/Behavioral Health Challenges* as third on its list of critical issue topic areas and *Community Policing* as number five. The Eureka Police Department is responding to community-based needs through the creation of CSET and the implementation of the Uplift Program.

Specifically, EPD's law enforcement officers have experience and training related to community members experiencing mental health (behavioral health) crises. They offer compassionate service to the individual and the community-at-large. The officers are essential partners with behavioral health providers, particularly during a crisis, and are the first responders who facilitate the person in crisis getting connected to the resources they need. Addressing behavioral health and social needs reduces criminal/anti-social activity associated with survival on the streets. Addressing social and behavioral needs has the potential to disrupt the cyclical nature of incarceration and release that hasn't worked at creating safer, more livable communities.

The Uplift Program's staff focuses on, and engages with, people experiencing homelessness. Staff create and maintain meaningful relationships, an essential part of supporting people as they work toward change. Relationship-based practice increases the likelihood of change that is maintained over time because it takes into consideration contextual factors such as poverty, trauma, social exclusion, and stigma. It seeks to understand and connect rather than dismiss and exclude (or incarcerate). Uplift staff offer concrete solutions to the barriers that people experiencing homelessness encounter and walk with the person experiencing the challenges. They provide connections to housing, to social services, to food, clothing, employment, medical care and to behavioral health services. In addition to connecting

people to services and resources, Uplift staff model behaviors and skills that empower individuals to identify goals, create plans to implement those goals and then achieve those goals.

On November 1, 1977 former vice president Hubert Humphrey, at the dedication of a building in Washington DC named after him said: "The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped". With Measure Z funding, EPD is able to maintain its commitment to the members of our community who find themselves in the shadows of life. Supporting people as they transition toward health and out of poverty and the experience of homelessness benefits the entire community. Please approve the application submitted from the Eureka Police Department and support law enforcement's efforts to improve individual and community health and welfare.

Sincerely,

Catherine Munsee

Catherine Munsee, MSW, ASW
Behavioral Health Clinician
Humboldt County DHHS
(707) 298-5551

January 31, 2021

Captain Brian Stephens
Eureka Police Department – Service Area 1
604 C Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Captain Stephens:

Eureka Police Department's *CSET Unit* and the *Uplift Community Outreach* have continued to work closely with our St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Dining Facility in 2020 and prior. Their ongoing presence has dramatically improved the relationships with many of our daily luncheon clientele, which are largely individuals living a *"homeless" existence that suffer from various issues of "mental health, substance abuse, and / or a dysfunctional family history"*. The atmosphere during our daily luncheon service and in our surrounding neighborhood has become more harmonious through the efforts of *Sargent Leonard LaFrance, MIST Officer Ryan Swanson, Ranger Dennis Gagnon, Homeless Outreach Worker Larry Alexander, Homeless Outreach Worker Robert Williams, Homeless Outreach Worker Sarah Cooper, Case Manager Belen Gutierrez-Flores, and Homeless Services Coordinator Brandey Wheeler!*

In March 2020, the City of Eureka provided our Dining facility a *"street blocking permit"*, so luncheon guests could sit on folding chairs placed *"socially distanced apart"* on the street in front of our building. City administrators also secured a *"handicap-access outdoor toilet"* and two *"handwash stations"* for luncheon guests sanitary needs while on our Dining Facility property.

With the COVID-19 health emergency controlling how businesses operated and restricting social interactions across global society, the SVDP Dining facility was challenged to keep their daily free luncheon service available to the locally displaced community! The CSET Unit quickly helped our kitchen staff design an outdoor lunch service model, which included social distancing markings on the sidewalk in front of our building. CSET also put together an information board, which they updated daily with various COVID-related information. And before each outdoor lunch service, they would announce by megaphone the daily COVID news and instruct luncheon guests about sanitary compliance (*handwashing, wearing face masks, and maintaining 6-foot separation in the serving line*).

When the *"shelter-in-place"* directives were issued in March 2020, 80% of SVDP's regular Volunteers opted to stay home, as many were retirees with existing health concerns. With only two full time staff, our Dining Facility was faced with closing operations due to lack of manpower. Fortunately, *Uplift Outreach* quickly offered their staff to help with the morning luncheon prep! Each day, 2-3 Uplift staff would arrive at our Dining Facility by 8:30 AM and

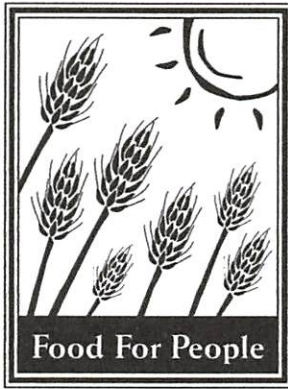
assist with various kitchen prep duties until the lunch service began at 11:00 AM. During lunch service, Uplift staff would hand out *Face Masks* to lunch clientele, direct *Social Distancing* in the serving line as needed, and also conduct some of their outreach services with the luncheon guests seeking assistance. From early March to September 2020, our Dining Facility had served lunch for 195-consecutive days! This could not have happened without help from *Uplift Outreach* and some dedicated SVDP *Volunteers* that offered even more service duty than before the health emergency! The SVDP Dining Facility has been blessed by generous community support throughout these challenging times!

Our SVDP kitchen staff, volunteers, business neighbors, and citizens walking through our neighborhood need to feel safe. The *CSET Unit* and *Uplift Outreach* have maintained a secure environment around our facility! SVDP's kitchen staff and volunteers care greatly about the clientele that are provided a daily nutritious meal. Our facility also offers additional services from various collaborative agencies – *Betty Chinn* (showers), *SJH Community Resource Center* (community outreach), *Open Door Mobile Medical* (primary healthcare), *Councilperson Leslie Castellano* (art class), and others. The ongoing efforts to ensure a safe and harmonious environment is of paramount concern to many individuals affiliated with the daily on goings at the SVDP Dining Facility! Everyone involved appreciates the presence of the *CSET Unit* and *Uplift Outreach* staff!

Speaking for all that have been mentioned above, we hope the necessary funding will be made available to continue the ongoing support from the *CSET Unit* and *Uplift Outreach*! If you require further information in this matter, please contact me.

Regards,

Robert Santilli
SVDP Board Member and Volunteer Executive Director
SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. 3rd Street, Eureka CA 95501
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February 8, 2021

Captain Stephens
Eureka Police Department

Re: Measure Z Letter of Support

Dear Captain Stephens,

Food for People would like to express its wholehearted support for EPD's request for Measure Z funding to continue the excellent work done by the Community Safety Enhancement Team and Uplift Eureka. Their compassionate outreach to members of the homeless community and their work with individuals struggling with a history of mental health and/or severe addiction issues and trauma is solution-oriented, and represents an investment in the long term health and stability of the community at large.

Our organization has had an opportunity to partner with members of the CSET team and Uplift Eureka on multiple occasions this past year as we've organized drive through food distributions over the course of the pandemic, and we've appreciated their support managing the large flow of traffic in an orderly fashion. They've also pitched in during busy moments to help assemble the food boxes so that we could get them out as quickly as possible to struggling households.

Prior to the pandemic, we requested their services on several occasions at our 14th St. location to assist with individuals who were experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis and in danger of harming themselves or those around them. The MIST team in particular was instrumental in helping to get potentially dangerous situations under control in a calm, professional manner that always respected the vulnerable yet sometimes volatile state of the individuals involved; an approach we hope could be replicated by police departments across the country. It was clear that in many cases, the individuals were known to them and that steps would be taken to help them connect with the essential support services necessary to help them achieve stability. These steps are incredibly important in helping to prevent endless cycles of trauma and addiction and provide a path forward for positive outcomes.

We truly appreciate this forward-thinking approach and hope that Measure Z funds will be designated to support their efforts, which ultimately benefit us all as a community.

Sincerely,

Anne Holcomb, Executive Director
Food for People

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February 8, 2015

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Sincerely,

Food for People



January 29th, 2021

Dear Captain Stephens,

I am writing to you on behalf of St. Joseph Health's Ed Bridge program to support the funding of CSET's four police officer positions funded through Measure Z: MIST Officer Ryan Swanson, and Ranger Dennis Gagnon. I would also like to advocate for CSET's sibling unit, Uplift Eureka, Measure Z funds the following positions: Homeless Outreach Worker Larry Alexander, Homeless Outreach Worker Robert Williams, Homeless Outreach Worker Sarah Cooper, Case Manager/Diversion Coordinator Belen Gutierrez-Flores, and Homeless Services Coordinator Brandy Wheeler.

In the 15 months that ED Bridge has been in full swing in the St. Joseph Eureka Emergency Department, CSET and Eureka Uplift have been involved with 43% of the cases. These programs are ESSENTIAL to continuing to help our community's most vulnerable population. These programs have helped hundreds of people get their lives back together and to even connect them to services outside of their respective job rolls.

CSET and Eureka uplift team have been a positive influence and presence in our community. They have not only built repour but also connections that go above and beyond their call of duty. Often times going outside their roll to help ensure safety and protection of these vulnerable populations have set examples to the community that they are seen and heard.

I urge you to do all that is in your power and more to keep these teams up and running. I can speak on behalf of ED Bridge, the Emergency department and our funding entity Public Health institute in saying that keeping programs such as CSET and Eureka Uplift are essential in continuing to serve this community and the people who they work with.

Please reach out to me for additional information.

Kind Regards,

Yvette Cerna, SUDRC St. Joseph Hospital

Ed Bridge Program Coordinator Eureka Site

January 28, 2021

Re: Letter of Support for Measure Z Funding

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the application of continued Measure Z funding for the City of Eureka's Community Supported Engagement Team (CSET) and Uplift Eureka. As the county seat and home of the bulk of resource agencies, Eureka has the greatest number of unsheltered people in the county. This is a very visible issue, having a negative impact on individuals living without housing and on the community as a whole.

Homelessness is a complex issue with many causes and requires multiple approaches for solutions. The CSET and Uplift Eureka programs work together to combine mental health support with outreach, engagement, case management, and diversion. In addition, the programs engage with community partners to maximize outcomes. For example, Express Employment Professionals partners with Uplift Eureka in the Pathways to Payday program to help people learn how to get and keep a job.

The CSET and Uplift Eureka programs represent a good model of public sector coordinating with private sector to meet the needs of a very challenging population, maximizing the use of Measure Z dollars and possible outcomes for the challenges that homelessness presents in our community. Thank you considering this request.

Warm Regards,



Shelley Nilsen, MSW
Owner, Express Employment Professionals



January 28, 2021

To: Measure Z Committee
Cc: Captain Brian Stephens, Sergeant Leonard La France
From: Michael Kraft, Papa & Barkley 
Subject: Measure Z Funding of CSET

Papa & Barkley operates 3 facilities, collectively employing several dozen people, in Old Town/downtown Eureka. We rely heavily on the Eureka Police Department, including officers and staff associated with CSET, to keep our people and property safe. We run multiple shifts and therefore have employees who arrive in the dark, or leave work in the dark.

Our Facility Intelligence Coordinators (security staff) contact EPD to deal with situations like people in mental health crises, dealers selling scary hard drugs on the street, and the like. We contact EPD with 3-5 non-emergency calls per month, and 1-2 that are legitimate emergencies. Our interactions with the Department on these calls is consistently professional and positive. David Salas, one of our senior Facility Intelligence Coordinators wrote this to me: "The CSET Team is great with their coverage in our area--it's been a big improvement."

The enhanced EPD presence and associated services such as homeless services enabled by Measure Z funds clearly makes a difference to the quality of life in these areas.

I'll add that, if this is true of our company, with our own security and cameras covering every door, it has to be doubly true of smaller businesses that don't have this level of security infrastructure.

For these reasons, we strongly support the ongoing allocation of Measure Z funds to the Eureka Police Department.

Please feel free to contact me at michael.kraft@papaandbarkley.com if I can offer additional information or support.

2/8/2021

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this letter of support for Measure Z Funding for the Eureka Police Departments CSET Team. I was the former coordinator of the: The Raven Project, and worked closely with MUST, CSET, and UPLIFT to engage our homeless youth. CSET has always been incredibly professional, and strengths based. They meet people where they are to provide them the support they need. They are consistently available, and work tirelessly to support our homeless youth, especially those using drugs. There have been countless times I have utilized CSET to support a youth in their road to recovery. There team offers a helping hand, and even drives those in need to treatment, and coordinates the resources to support the client in their intake process.

In my newer role as the School Based Health Center Program Coordinator, I'm still an avid community partner working closely with CSET to engage youth and prevent homelessness. The Humboldt Independent Practice Association offers youth empowerment groups throughout the county to students in the court and community school and beyond. CSET often interacts with these students, and works to build relationships with our community. I believe in the power of our partnership as a means to provide a direct connection to meet the overall health of our community. We work closely with CSET to address the underlying causes of crime which are trauma, and addiction. This work is incredibly messy, and can be difficult when you factor in the limited resources in our community. However, CSET is always willing to understand the resources available and meet the challenge.

I believe in the mission of the CSET, MIST, and UPLIFT program and appreciate their hands on approach to supporting our overwhelmed mental health system in Humboldt County. They consistently meet people with dignity and respect, I'm in incredible awe of the impact they have on our community. I whole heartedly support the Measure Z application for funding.

If you have any further questions please contact me directly,
Vanessa Vrtiak
School Based Health Center Program Coordinator
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“Rebuilding broken lives.....One life at a time”

*Homeless Guest Services - New Life Recovery Program
Women’s and Children’s Shelter - Thrift Store*

February 8, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in behalf of the Uplift Eureka Programs. These programs have been a major blessing to this community that we live in. I am so thankful for this wonderful group of people that have taken the time to help make our community a safer and cleaner place. The programs that are included in Uplift have served this community with fresh opportunities of growth. From Pathway to Payday, to the co pilot and housing assistance program, I have seen so much success come from these, and many people have benefited. People that were hopeless and lost in their afflictions have been able to become productive members of this community. I personally have witnessed many women with no hope, become hopeful through these opportunities. I pray for and look forward to, many more years with these programs in place. I have witnessed them help others accomplish the impossible with some of the people in our community. If there are any further questions or concerns, please contact me on my cell phone at 843-226-6474.

Kristen Freeman
Women’s Director
Kristen.freeman@eurekarescuemission.org.
Eureka Rescue Mission Women’s Shelter
(707)443-5016

Letter of Support for the Eureka Police Department's Measure Z Application

February 5, 2021

Dear Honorable Members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and Distinguished Members of the Measure Z Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the Eureka Police Department's 2021 Measure Z Application to assist in funding positions in their Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET) and Uplift Eureka unit. Together CSET and Uplift Eureka provide a critical service to our community, our citizens, businesses, visitors and particularly to those individuals and families that are struggling with addiction, trauma, mental illness, homelessness and poverty.

CSET and Uplift Eureka have been successful in past budget cycles in improving public safety and addressing crime and disorder problems in Old Town, along the waterfront and in city parks. By proactively engaging members of Eureka's homeless community, CSET and Uplift Eureka work collaboratively to connect all members of this community to needed resources to address the underlying causes of crime and disorder.

In the year 2020, CSET conducted 4,320 self-initiated contacts and responded to 1,014 calls-for-service, 170 of which were mental health related. These contacts resulted in connecting 57 individuals directly into substance abuse treatment facilities, and placed 91 individuals experiencing a mental health crisis on a 5150 W&I Code hold. CSET also connects individuals with medical and mental health services, housing, employment, clothing, food and is coordinating and implementing the COVID-19 response within the homeless community.

These are critical services serving a critical population that if not addressed proactively by the specially trained and highly skilled CSET and Uplift Eureka team, would lead to escalated situations of crisis, increased crime and unacceptable anti-social behavior that would have negative impacts on our community.

In my experience as a former law enforcement/corrections professional (33 years), and former Eureka City Council Member (2011-2016), I am very much aware of the issues and underlying causes that can lead to incarceration and homelessness, as well as the challenges facing our community to effect change, improve the lives of others while increasing public safety. I strongly support the continued Measure Z funding for the CSET and Uplift Eureka team.

Sincerely,



Melinda Ciarabellini,
Correctional Captain (Retired)
Eureka City Councilmember (Retired)



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February 7, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my strong support for the Eureka Police Department CSET team as well as the City's UPLIFT program. My business is located in an area of Old Town close to the Library where there are many homeless people and these two programs have been critical in providing both support to this population as well as those who live and work in the area. Measure Z funding for these programs is greatly needed in our area where a covid-driven economic downturn continues to push even more people into homelessness.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Lewis

Brian Stephens

From: Pete Johnston <petej@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:43 AM
To: Brian Stephens
Subject: CSET support

To whom it may concern:

We here at Timber Heritage Association wanted to voice our support for continued funding of the Community Safety Enhancement Team. As we run our popular Speeder cars on the historic local rails, we often encounter many campers and houseless individuals. We have had the pleasure of interacting with different EPD and CSET individuals over the years, and continued to be impressed with their dedication to making Eureka a better place to live. They strive to develop a rapport with these locals, and have extreme patience with a tough situations. We have enjoyed the times we have teamed up with our rail equipment to do trash pickups of certain campaign areas. Please consider further funding for this amazing group.

Pete Johnston
Lifetime Eureka resident
President, Timber Heritage Association

02/02/2021

To: Humboldt County Citizen's Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures.

Dear Sir's and Ma'am's,

I am writing this letter to state how important Uplift Eureka is to our community and why it is so important they receive the funding are they seeking from you. Since 2019 I have personally worked with Uplift Eureka's housing and outreach programs, and together we have housed multiple individuals who were living on the streets / homeless. I work with different community programs and the local populace at large to provide affordable housing using the housing first principle. As an informed and active participant in our community I have been able to, with the help of Uplift Eureka, house many individuals that have some of the greatest needs in our community. Not only do these folks need help in getting a place to live but sometimes they need extra support systems to deal with the transition from being homeless to living on their own. It is unreasonable and irresponsible of us as a community to just get them off the streets and into a place with the expectations that they can fully live on their own and fully functional in society without support. The support provided to myself and to my tenants by Uplift Eureka is life changing and necessary. Larry Alexander and Robert Williams have made a huge impact by having a hands-on approach with the folks that have more specific needs. Larry and Robert are able to implement procedures and provide counseling that cover almost all the issues that arise, even those which could possibly lead to eviction. Whether these problems are behavioral or social issues they quickly fix situations which could negatively impact the life of the tenant or the lives of those around them. Larry and Robert (and all Uplift Eureka staff I have had the pleasure of working with) have worked tirelessly to make sure the best interests of the individual are served. Funding these positions and Uplift Eureka as a whole is imperative to the continued growth of the individuals we serve and to the growth of our community. I beseech you to give them the full consideration and weight that they are due and to understand how invaluable they are for one of our communities most vulnerable populations. This funding would not only allow the continued work that is already being done but also would allow them to reach more individuals in our community and let all of us give them a hand up in life.

“Home is a notion that only nations of the homeless fully appreciate and only the uprooted comprehend.”

— Wallace Stegner, Angle of Repose

Sincerely,



Mark C. Riley
530-710-4670

markchristopherriley@Yahoo.com

**To: Humboldt County Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures
02/01/2021**

To Whom it May Concern:

I've had the pleasure of volunteering with UPLIFT for several years in various capacities. I've participated in the Pathway to Payday program, I've had the honor of acting as a co-pilot and have taken part in various outreach projects including most recently, the backpack giveaway.

I am constantly impressed with the UPLIFT staff. They are a coalition of compassionate, knowledgeable, fearless and fierce advocates for the disenfranchised in our community.

I am proud to play a small part in this program and will continue to support it. I hope you will too.

**Regards,
Cynthia Bowman
Volunteer Co-Pilot, UPLIFT Eureka Event Volunteer**

Brian Stephens

From: Tina Garsen <tina62696@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Brian Stephens
Cc: Leonard La France
Subject: Measure Z

To Whom it may concern:

Please continue to fund both CSET and Project Uplift. Their service to the community is without parallel. As a former volunteer with CSET (prior to COVID) I can attest to their compassion and efficacy. They continue to do what needs to be done during these remarkably challenging times.

Respectfully,

Betina Garsen, LCSW

Sent from my iPhone

To: Humboldt County Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures

01/29/2021

To Whom it May Concern:

My experience with UPLIFT Eureka has been tremendous. Being able to clean up where I live...I get a chance to be a part of the community. Good people, good hearts—count me in. Most honestly, it has been and is an honor to be with UPLIFT, and I am grateful.

Thank you.

Bryan Markland

UPLIFT Eureka, Pathway to Payday, and Job Skills Training Program Participant

Brian Stephens

From: Caren Spencer <caren.spencer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Brian Stephens
Subject: Support for Measure Z

Measure Z is critical because:

- CSET conducted 4,320 self-initiated contacts and responded to 1,014 calls-for-service.
- CSET seized 6 ounces of meth, almost an ounces of heroin, and collected over 56,000 lbs of trash.
- CSET connected 57 individuals directly to substance abuse treatment facilities – 131 since 2019.
- CSET placed 91 individuals in crisis on WI 5150/mental health holds. This was 30% of all Eureka Police Department mental health holds.
- CSET responded to 170 Mental Health Related calls-for-service. This was 30% of all Eureka Police Department Mental Health Related calls-for-service.
- CSET connected individuals with medical and mental health services, housing, employment, clothing, food, and other needs.
- For CSET, these are the foundational principles I feel make us effective in the community:
- Community Partners — We all need each other. This is a community approach. We are just a piece of the puzzle.
- Connection — We want to connect with all members of the community to reduce negative impacts and create positive, long-term outcomes.
- Accountability, Compassion & Outreach — We need to help improve the lives of others while maintaining order in the community.
- Underlying Causes — To truly address and prevent crime, we must address the underlying causes of crime and disorder — mental illness, addiction, & trauma.

Caren Spencer

02/08/2021

Humboldt County Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures:

Uplift is committed to the community- they do a lot for the community. And Uplift is committed to individuals. UPLIFT has integrity. Follow-up is very important when your helping in a social services manner, and UPLIFT stays in the loop with me.

Sincerely,

P.L.

02/08/2021

Humboldt County Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures:

My experience and relationship with the uplift program was extremely positive. I was trying to recover from a very hard time in my life. They helped me with a resume for getting a job, some work experience and a positive mind set. They also set a job fair with employers that needed good help which was very helpful. As a result of their help and hard work I have a very good job again. And my life has changed and become very good / positive. I owe them more than I can repay.

Sincerely,

R.B.

To whom it may concern,
The experience I've had with
the uplift program has been
life changing!

As a sex traffic survivor I am
finally in a safe place for
myself and my dog "Nugget"
Thanks have a safe place
for healing, medically, mentally
spiritually.

I am so very grateful for self,
and Ethel and uplift!

God Bless!

A Happy Tenant

02/08/2021

Humboldt County Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures:

I was introduced to the Uplift Eureka program at the Eureka Rescue Mission Women's and Children's Shelter. I applied for a spot in the co-pilot program and was accepted. In the program, my co-pilot helped me complete important paperwork to move forward from my late husband of 30 years passing suddenly amongst many other avenues of assistance. I was lost, homeless and in fear of what would become of me and how I was going to move forward in this new situation without him. I also was able to participate in the beautification of Eureka through the work program, which helped me to earn money to pay for the death certificate and my essential needs. Through obtaining the correct paperwork, I was able to secure my future financially by applying for his Social Security benefits. I was approved and now my finances are secure. I was also able to make strong and solid, as well as healthy contacts in our community at the same time as being a part of cleaning up our hometown. Without the help of Uplift Eureka, I do not know where I would be today. I am grateful and hope there are many more years of Uplift to reach out to others who are struggling.

Sincerely yours,
Bonita Ward

2-4-2021

My name is Leslie Walker,
As a participant in the UPLIFT Program,
I strongly support them and their
efforts to help with employment as
well as skill-development.
While working with UPLIFT I have had
citizens thank me for the cleaning up
we did downtown and say they see it as
a vital service to the community.

Leslie M Walker
707-267-4708

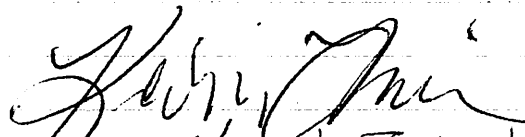
2/5/2021

TO WHOM IT CONCERNS:

UPLIFT-EUREKA HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC PROGRAM FOR JOB-SEEKERS AND HOME SEEKERS, A RELENTLESS RESOURCE FOR GETTING PEOPLE UP ON THEIR FEET, AND A BOON TO THE COMMUNITY.

AFTER 1 WEEK, I HAD A JOB AND THEY GAVE ME ADDITIONAL TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT EVEN AFTER I LEFT THE PROGRAM WORK-PROGRAM.

THE SERVICE THEY PROVIDE, ESPECIALLY NOW, IS VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY; FOR EUREKA'S WELL-BEING AND THAT OF IT'S CITIZENS.


KEVIN FINAN

**To: Humboldt County Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures
02/04/2021**

To Whom it May Concern:

It is an honor and a privilege too write this letter for uplift Eureka. Brandy and Sara were a great help to me. I also had help from Ethan who is responsible for housing placement. He placed me on the housing placement list and became my mentor for awhile. It was all suspended when COVID started. Brandy and Ethan stayed in contact with me during this time. When the program started again I attended the meetings, Brandy and Sara did. Soon after that I was in the part time work program that works in the community. Soon after that through the help of this program I found a full time job at the Eureka Rehabilitation and Wellness Center in Eureka California. Soon after that Ethan called me and set up a time for a phone interview for the housing program. After the interview I was given priority and moved too the top of the list for help. One of the reasons I was given this I was homeless for over three years. Soon after that I found housing. Uplift Eureka payed my first last month rent and deposit. They also set me up with a mentor named Stevie who has also helped me a great deal. At this time we cannot meet because of COVID. I look forward too meeting with him again, when this COVID situation is better. I am in debt too this program for what they have done for me.

Sincerely John Tessore Jr.

UPLIFT Eureka Participant in the Following Programs: Housing, Co-Pilot Program, and Job Skills Training Program

To: Humboldt County Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures

02/10/2021

To Whom it May Concern:

i was given the opportunity to work with project uplift and it great positive influence on my life. it opened the door to friendships as well as the overall feeling of being part of a team that had a positive influence on the community. as well as gathering work skills and references, it gave me the chance to see and experience different parts of the city. overall i was extremely impressed with how caring and helpful everyone was at uplift, especially Brandey and Robert in my specific situations, got my through times i would not have been able to do by myself. Project uplift as well as the free meal program at St. Vincent de Paul are extremely important to me as well as many others in the city and are greatly appreciated by those in need of their services. without them, the city overall would be in need without an outlet with the resources that are most importantly, willing to do so. i couldn't thank them enough!

Casey Wilkowski

UPLIFT Eureka, Job Skills Training Program Participant



February 12, 2021

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures
c/o County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street, Suite 112
Eureka, CA 95501-1153

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce to express our support of the Eureka Police Department's 2020-21 Measure Z funding application for 2021-22.

The homelessness crisis negatively impacts Humboldt County on every level, from families and individuals to businesses, tourism, and the regional economy. EPD's Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET)/Mobile Intervention Service Team (MIST) and Eureka's UPLIFT program have proven to be effective means to address the problem.

By engaging individuals in crisis, treating them with compassion, and executing "warm hand offs" into counseling, substance abuse programs, housing, and employment programs, CSET and UPLIFT are making a difference in our community. Additionally, these programs are very collaborative, engaging local stakeholders and building buy-in. We have found CSET to be very responsive to questions, concerns, and feedback from the Chamber and its membership.

In addition to mitigating homelessness, these programs yield a number of other benefits: assisting our first responders by seeking out and stabilizing "frequent flier" individuals who are responsible for the highest emergency calls, improving our local workforce through employment programs, and making Eureka's Old Town a more desirable destination for businesses, locals, and visitors. These programs even contribute to the beauty of our area by conducting regular cleanups of our parks and trails.

We are grateful that the CSET and UPLIFT programs have continued throughout the COVID-19 public health crisis. By continuing to operate, and helping local organizations implement health protocols to keep everyone safe during the pandemic, CSET and UPLIFT doubtlessly helped prevent a health crisis even worse than the one we already face.

As local residents and members of the business community, we ask you to grant the funds needed to ensure that CSET and UPLIFT can continue to do their important work.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Wright".

Donna Wright
President/CEO