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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:

City of Trinidad

Contact Person/Title:

Eli Naffah

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409 Trinity Street

Phone Number:

707-677-3876

City:

Trinidad

Zip code

95570

Email address:

citymanager@trinidad.ca.gov

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

\$ 79,908

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)

The City of Trinidad contracts with the Sheriff's Office and is provided an on-duty Sheriff's deputy for four days. Previously the City had an additional part-time deputy through Measure Z funds available to the City for two days. For the last 2 years the Sheriff's Office was short on staffing, however now the City is able to share a deputy with Blue Lake. Measure Z would provide funding for the shared two day position which increases public safety in Trinidad by reducing the reliance on the McKinleyville Sheriff's station. The presence of an on-duty officer allows essential services to be provided immediately to curtail crime since seconds and minutes can make a huge difference in stopping and deterring crime.

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

The City of Trinidad is requesting funding to support a half-time law enforcement position. Trinidad contracts with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) for law enforcement services. The City can support one full time deputy sheriff, who works four days a week. Measure Z funding would support an additional half-time deputy sheriff (split between Trinidad and Blue Lake) with coverage for another two days a week. Trinidad, and our deputy, serves as the hub for the greater Trinidad area from Westhaven to Patrick's Point. Having an assigned peace officer centered in Trinidad would benefit not just the City but the surrounding area as well, and would relieve demands on the McKinleyville Sheriff's station as well as improve response times.

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)

Trinidad will need to continue to make tough budgeting decisions about how to allocate our general fund revenue, and how much to spend on public safety. The City's voter approved sales tax ensures that we can at least sustain our one locally funded deputy. The City can consider increasing our transient occupancy tax rate since visitors have a big impact on our public safety. We will continue to aggressively pursue outside grant funding. A possible arrangement with the Trinidad Rancheria about the potential to share some public safety costs in the future could help sustain an additional deputy beyond the Measure Z funding.

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)

Since the Sheriff's Office was short on personnel, the City has not had a half-time deputy since June, 2019. However, recently a half-time deputy position became available to share with Blue Lake. This position is temporarily funded by our General Fund (GF) revenue composed of property and sales tax, transient occupancy tax, and a voter approved add-on to our city sales tax. Trinidad currently relies on local general fund revenue, and the state COPS program to support one full time deputy.

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 City will continue to pursue grant funding for public safety. Community organizations including the Lions Club and Trinidad Memorial Civic Club have consistently supported our public safety efforts with both donations and volunteerism. The Trinidad Rancheria is interested in increasing their law enforcement efforts, possibly in partnership with the City. The half-time deputy would also facilitate a stronger connection to Trinidad Elementary School.

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)

No. This proposal does rely on the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) to provide a trained officer, and it has been limited in the past by the HCSO's ability to staff the position. Fortunately we now have an opportunity to share a deputy position with Blue Lake.

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

No Yes

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

No, this proposal would fund half of a deputy sheriff position at the loaded rate charged by HCSO to contracting agencies.

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 Trinidad
Proposal Narrative
Measure Z 2021 Funding Proposal

The City of Trinidad is requesting Measure Z funding to support one (1) half-time deputy sheriff position as part of our contract for law enforcement services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). The City-HCSO contract currently supports one full-time deputy, with a four day a week schedule. Up until June 30, 2019, a half time deputy was funded by Measure Z in both Trinidad and Blue Lake (two days/week in each city).

The City is pleased with our deputies and with our partnership with HCSO. However, we are struggling, like the rest of the County, with challenges related to recent statewide Public Safety Re-Alignment, where repeat offenders for a range of property crimes appear to be back on the street almost immediately upon arrest. Our problems with limited coverage are magnified when our deputies have required training, or medical, or other leave, and we are left with very little dedicated coverage for one to two weeks at a time.

Trinidad's contract deputies, by agreement between the City and HCSO, serve the 'Great Trinidad Area' from Westhaven to Patrick's Point, which is otherwise covered from the McKinleyville Sheriff's Station. Having an additional deputy headquartered in Trinidad will significantly benefit public safety in the surrounding unincorporated areas. Having dedicated deputies for our area makes an enormous difference in their knowledge of the people, the problems, and their ability to work on more complex long-term investigations, as opposed to steadily varying shift coverage from McKinleyville. When no Trinidad Deputy is on duty, calls from our area require response from McKinleyville, which increases critical response time, and leaves McKinleyville short-staffed.

The City believes that this request would benefit the greater Trinidad area community and HCSO as well as the City itself. The requesting funding would be passed through entirely to HCSO for the deputy position. The City will continue to provide, at our own cost, the necessary office space, computer, and other costs associated with supporting this deputy, as we do in our current contract. The City would of course work cooperatively with HCSO to make this proposal successful and feasible from their perspective.

Funding for additional front-line law enforcement officers is exactly what the voters were envisioning in supporting Measure Z and this proposal would do exactly that, to the benefit of a significant area of the County.

On behalf of the City of Trinidad, thank for your consideration of this proposal.

City of Trinidad
Prior Year Results
2021 Measure Z Funding Proposal

The City of Trinidad requested funds in 2016-2019 for one (1) full time deputy sheriff position as part of our contract for law enforcement services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). We were awarded half of our request each year since 2017, with the intent of sharing a full-time deputy between Trinidad and Blue Lake. Due to staffing shortages, the Sheriff's Office was not able to spare a deputy to fill this split position for the 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 fiscal years.

Measure Z support for our additional half-time deputy, until June 30, 2019, had led to increased public safety in Trinidad, and in the Greater Trinidad Area from Westhaven to Patrick's Point. Law enforcement presence alone is a significant deterrent to criminal activity. Having deputies assigned to Trinidad relieves the McKinleyville substation from having to cover this large geographic area, which can leave the McKinleyville area short staffed. Trinidad deputies have been involved with a wide range of public safety activities including welfare checks for seniors, search and rescue on our hazardous coastal bluffs and shoreline, child welfare and domestic violence, drug enforcement, and recovery of stolen firearms.

Specific accomplishments include a reduction in crime and calls for service associated with Hidden Creek Trailer Park, which had been a significant 'hotspot' for problems in Trinidad and significant improvements in the impact of transient campers on our Trinidad Museum and Library through steady law enforcement presence and follow up. Previously, the residents of Trinidad have been thrilled to have more presence and activity from the Sheriff's Office as a result of Measure Z funding, and hope to once again for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Proposed Budget

Agency Name: City of Trinidad

DescriptionsAmounts

A Personnel Costs

Title: 1/2 Time Sheriff Deputy Salary and Benefits Calculation: about \$6,659.00/ month	\$79,908.00
Duties Description: Law Enforcement Services	
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation:	
Duties Description:	
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Duties Description:	
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Duties Description:	

Total Personnel: \$79,908.00

B Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Title: Rent for Office Space Description: The City will provide office and storage space for the deputy, supplies and other operational needs will be provided by the Sheriff's Office	\$9,000.00
Title:	
Description:	
Title:	
Description:	
Title:	
Description:	

Total Operating Costs: \$9,000.00

C Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumable, should be separate)

Title: Description: Supplies will be provided by the Sheriff's Office	0
Title:	
Description:	
Title:	
Description:	
Title:	
Description:	

Total Consumable/Supplies, 0

Proposed Budget
Agency Name: City of Trinidad

Descriptions Amounts

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

Title :	0
Description: Travel expenses will be paid by the Sheriff's Office	
Title	
Description:	

Total Transportation /Travel Costs,

E. Fixed Assets

Title	0
Description:	
Title	
Description:	

Total Other Costs: 0

Invoice Total:	\$88,908.00
Measure Z Request :	\$79,908.00
City Contribution	\$9,000.00